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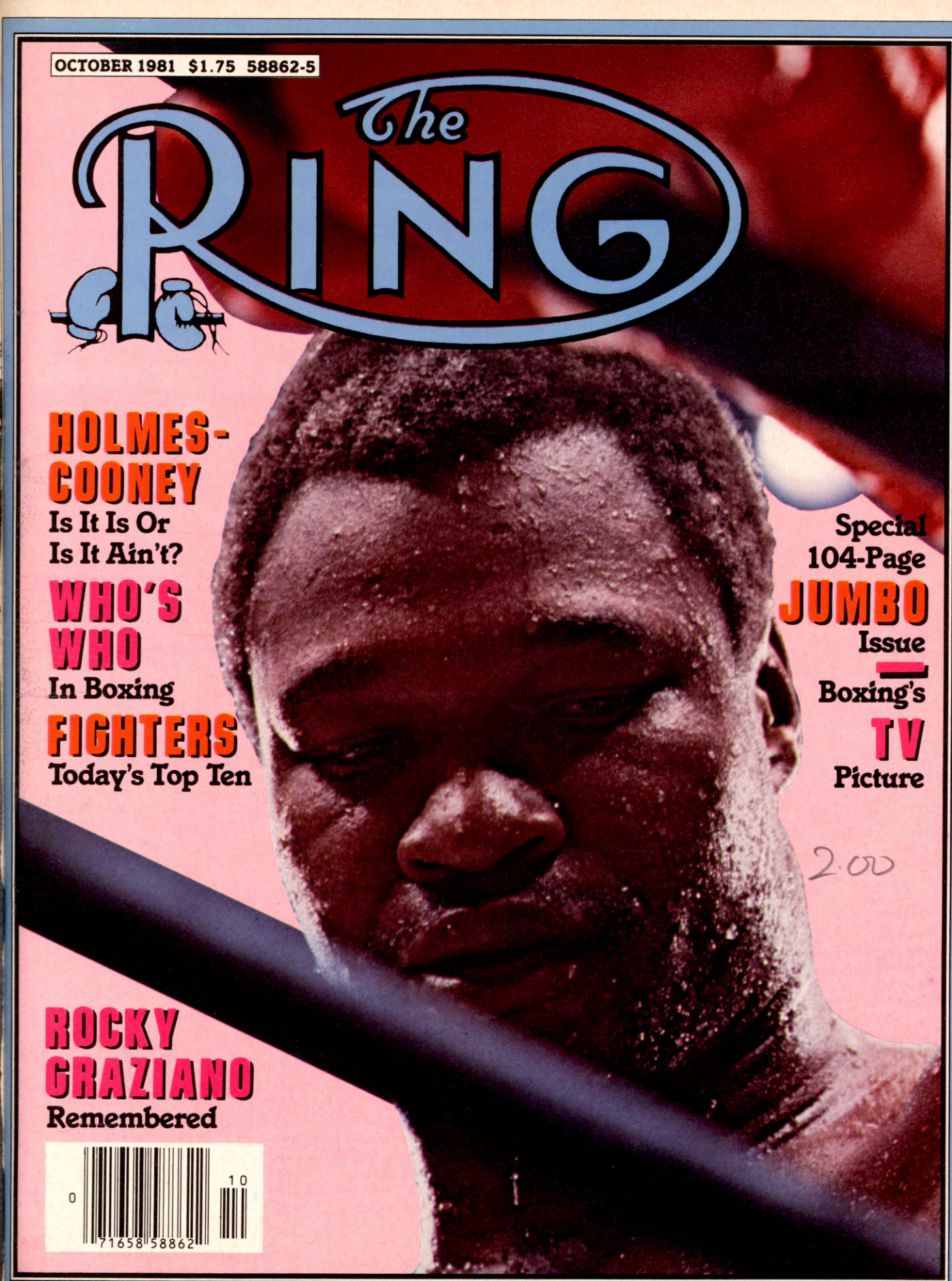

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Mar. 21	Rodell Dupree, Scranton	W	4
May 2	Art Savage, Scranton	KO	3
June 20	Curtis Whitner, Scranton	KO	1
Aug. 22	Don Branch, Scranton	W	6
Sept. 10	Bob Bozic, New York	W	6
Nov. 14	Jerry Judge, Scranton	W	6
Nov. 28	Kevin Isaac, Cleveland	KO	3
1974			
Apr. 24	Howard Darlington, Scranton	KO	4
May 29	Bob Mashburn, Scranton	KO	7
Dec. 11	Joe Hathaway, Scranton	KO	1
1975			
Mar. 24	Charley Green, Cleveland	KO	2
Apr. 10	Oliver Wright, Honolulu	KO	3
Apr. 26	Robert Yarborough, Toronto	KO	3
May 16	Ernie Smith, Las Vegas	KO	3
Aug. 16	Obie English, Scranton	KO	7
Aug. 26	Charlie James, Honolulu	W	10
Oct. 1	Rodney Bobick, Manila	KO	6
Dec. 9	Leon Shaw, Washington, D.C.	KO	1
Dec. 20	Billy Joiner, San Juan	KO	3
1976			
Jan. 29	Joe Gholston, Easton	KO	8
Apr. 5	Fred Askew, Landover	KO	2
Apr. 30	Roy Williams, Landover	W	10
1977			
Jan. 16	Tom Prater, Pensacola	W	8
Mar. 17	Horace Robinson, San Juan	KO	5
Sept. 14	Young Sanford, Las Vegas	KO	7
Nov. 5	Ibar Arrington, Las Vegas	KO	10
1978			
Mar. 25	Earnie Shavers, Las Vegas	W	12
June 9	Ken Norton, Las Vegas (Won WBC Heavyweight Title)	W	15
Nov. 10	Alfredo Evangelista, Las Vegas (Retained WBC Heavyweight Title)	KO	7
1979			
Mar. 23	Osvaldo Ocasio, Las Vegas (Retained WBC Heavyweight Title)	KO	7
June 22	Mike Weaver, New York (Retained WBC Heavyweight Title)	KO	12
Sept. 28	Earnie Shavers, Las Vegas (Retained WBC Heavyweight Title)	KO	11
1980			
Feb. 3	Lorenzo Zanon, Las Vegas (Retained WBC Heavyweight Title)	KO	6
Mar. 31	LeRoy Jones, Las Vegas (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	KO	8
July 7	Scott LeDoux, Bloomington (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	KO	7
Oct. 2	Muhammad Ali, Las Vegas (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	KO	11
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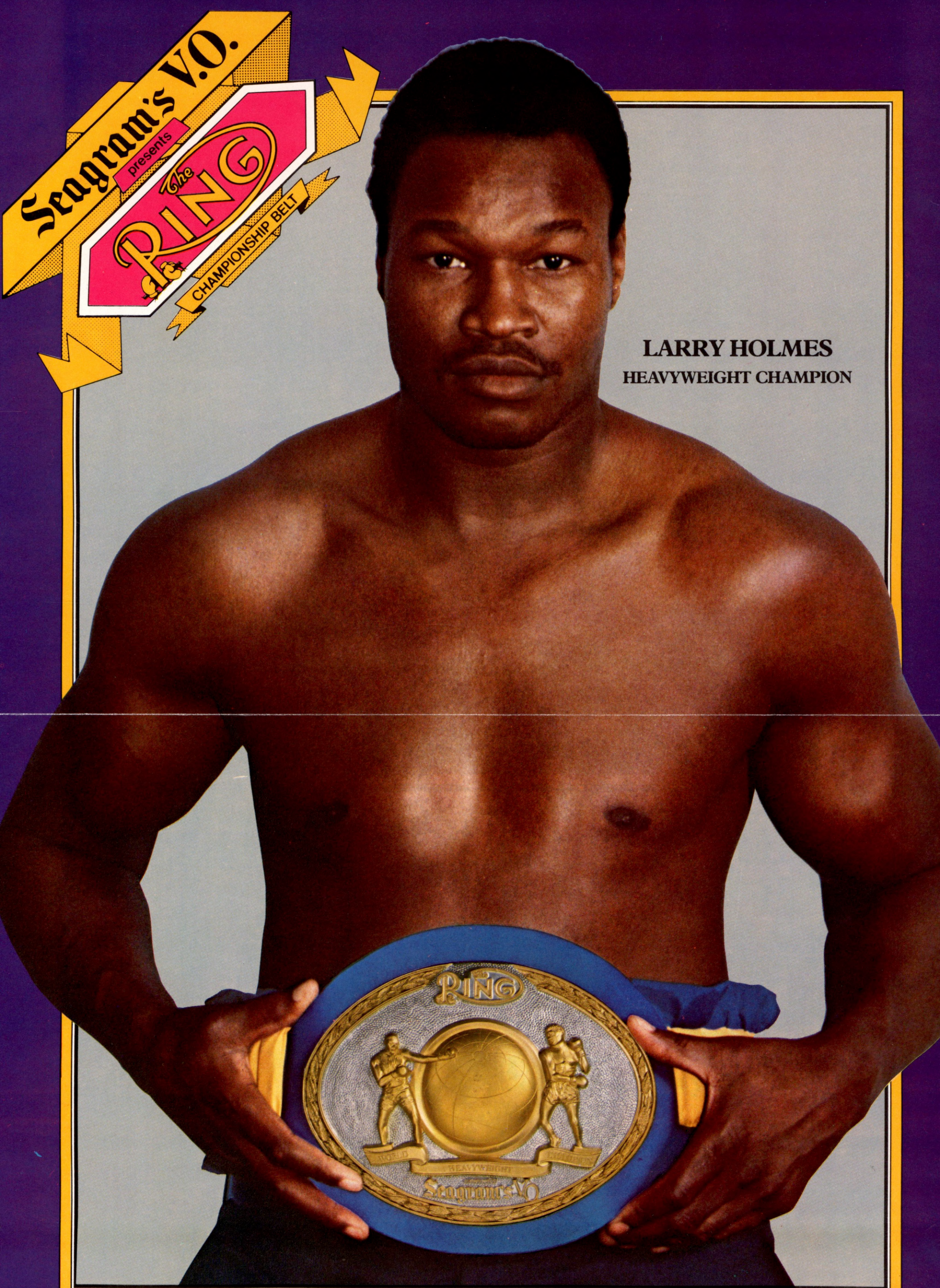

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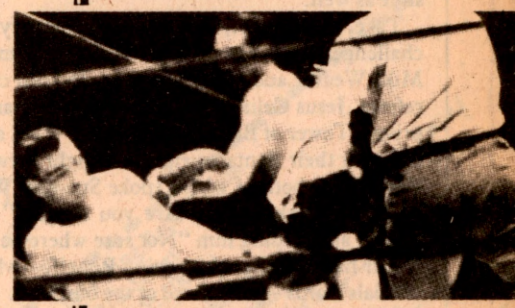

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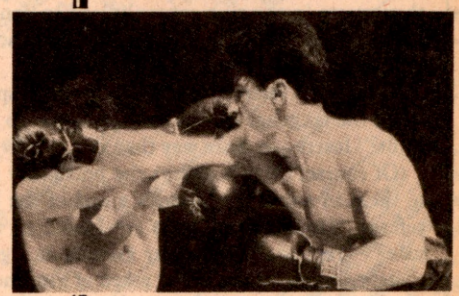

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RINGSIDE

NO MEMBER OF THE BUSTED BEAK fraternity would ever admit openly that he had ever had the occasion to read "The Good Book." Even those left by Gideons International, an organization dedicated to placing the Word in every hotel room for the wayward wayfarer. After all, the denizens of boxing might reason, it is merely a handbook for travelers by authors who haven't been there.

Even those who might need it most, like Christopher Morely, may well ask, "Why do they put Gideon Bibles only in the bedrooms, where it's usually too late, and not in the barroom downstairs?"

However, if the many miscreants who inhabit the demi-world of boxing had but perused the Scriptures, they would have found an early reference (Genesis XI, 9) to what seems to be a growing problem in boxing: The problem of the Tower of Babel created by the WBC and the WBA.

For, if the international language, so to speak, is Esperanto, then the language of boxing has become, at best, confusion. Especially in those championship fights put on by those two alphabet-soup groups, the WBA and the WBC, where the third man in the ring often speaks a language not only different from that spoken by the two participants but sometimes incomprehensible as well.

Take, for instance, the WBA Light Heavyweight championship between Mike Rossman and challenger Aldo Traversaro. Or, for that matter, the WBA Heavyweight title fight between Mike Weaver and Gerrie Coetzee. In both cases the fighters spoke English and both times the referee, Jesus Celis of Venezuela, spoke Spanish. But the WBA is not alone in creating its own private Tower of Babel. Recently the WBC assigned English-speaking referee Joey Curtis to officiate at their Bantamweight title fight between Lupe Pintor of Mexico and Jovito Rengifo of Venezuela—both of whom spoke Spanish. When Rengifo went down in the eighth from a left jab, Curtis asked him "Are you alright?" Apparently unsatisfied with the fallen fighter's answer and finding him "Not sure where he was," Curtis decided then and there that the challenger had had enough, leaving Rengifo—who was, not incidentally, ahead on two of the three officials' cards—bewildered at the outcome.

Why, oh why, can't these two wonderful organizations figure out that the Tower of Babel they create in the ring can only lead to confusion. And controversy. Maybe it's because Srs. Sulaiman and Sanchez don't follow the lessons taught in the Bible. After all, they didn't write it, they just pretend they did.

Perhaps, if referees could ask Spanish-speaking fighters "¿Esta Usted Bien?" they could avoid the language barrier that threatens to make fighters who don't understand "Are you alright?" losers—in more way than one.

(Of course, there is always the possibility that some fighters would answer a question posed to them in any language with a nod of the head. Or worse. Chuck Wepner, once asked by a referee "How many fingers am I holding up?"—"¿Quantos deos yo te estoy seneando le a uste?"—replied, "How many guesses do I get?" But even that is preferable to the fighter not understanding what is being asked of him and losing because of it.)

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Joseph Carter, who was the ghost writer of the book and, by contract, entitled to 5% of what LaMotta got for the sale of the book rights to a motion picture company, was forced to threaten suit to get what was coming to him. Carter, who had waited . . . and waited . . . and waited . . . for word from Jake, finally tired of waiting and instituted the suit after all the publicity and hoopla had subsided.

In before trial depositions LaMotta denied that the motion picture was based on the book, arguing, instead, that it was based on his life. This, in spite of the fact that the movie carried the same name, and that the Bantam paperback not only carried a picture on the cover of Robert DeNiro, but also proclaimed "See the movie."

Finally, just last July, LaMotta gave in, acknowledging that the movie was, in fact, based on the book and giving Carter his share. Just goes to show that you can't judge a movie by its book.

WHEN IS A TITLE BOUT NOT A TITLE BOUT?

A "TITLE" FIGHT BETWEEN BASH Ali and Mike Clark for the United States Boxing Association Cruiserweight Championship, originally scheduled to be held at the Oakland Auditorium late last July, was postponed. The reason? Clark was not rated in that division by the USBA so that the fight would not have been a championship fight if held.

Hell, if it were the WBA instead of the USBA, all the promoters would have had to do was pay Senor Cordova for a rating in time for the fight. For instructions on how to do that they need only to ask Pablo Baez.

HEY BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?

THE WBC AND THE WBA EXACT their respective pounds of flesh from each champion and challenger for one of their demi-titles in the form of "Sanctioning" fees. The WBA's is a straight dollar amount; the WBC's is a percentage of the fighter's purse—once 1½% and 1% for champion and challenger, since raised to 2% and 1½%.

But it now seems, according to one authoritative source, that these two organizations will settle for what they can get. Case in point: When Sugar Ray Leonard was tithed 1½% for his first fight with Roberto Duran, his lawyers sought, and got, a settlement of $40,000 instead of the $120,000 (1½% of $8,000,000) their rules stated they were entitled to. So much for their rules!

GETTING A DIFFERENT PICTURE OF DURAN-LEONARD I

IF IT WERE AN ELECTION YOU could say that the upstate returns were just coming in. But it was something else, the fight of 1980, the first Duran-Leonard fight, and only recently have the results of Warner's two-way talk-back cable system been tabulated and made public. And the public, all 7,000 of those wired into the Columbus, Ohio, system and voting through their television sets, had Sugar Ray the winner over Roberto. Albeit by a narrow margin. In rounds, they had it six for Leonard, four for Duran and five even. That sounds like the official scorecards where the three officials, between them, had 19 of the 45 total rounds even. Maybe they should have been QUBE subscribers instead of ringside officials.

FOUL OF THE MONTH AWARD

THIS MONTH'S AWARD RELUCTANTly goes to the New Jersey Athletic Commission. Reluctantly, we say, because under the leadership of Jersey Joe Walcott and the guidance of Bobby Lee, the Jersey State Commission has more than taken its place at the table of American commissions—it has become a leader.

However, its Award goes with an oak-leaf cluster for two recent occurrences which should not have happened and which this commission saw fit to coutenance. First of all was the mux-ip in scoring at the Renaldo "Mr." Snipes-Eddie Mustafa Muhammad fight in which one of the ringside judges, Paul Cavalier, saw the fight with something less than clear vision and had Mustafa Muhammad the winner when, in fact, he had meant to mark his card for Snipes. Bobby Lee, rather than allowing Cavalier—who soon saw the error of his ways—to change his scoring, permitted it to stand, thus dignifying a horrible mistake.

But it really is their second transgression that merits the Award without any help from a bookkeeping foul-up: Why did the New Jersey Commission allow its chief inspector, one

Percy Richardson, to work in Michael Spinks' corner as a "cut man" in his recent title-winning fight against the same Eddie Mustafa Muhammad? And why was Bobby Lee the ring announcer in that same Las Vegas fight?

When is this conflict-of-interest crap going to stop? It not only demeans boxing but its officials as well and is the stuff which, as Winston Churchill once said, "Up with which we will not put."

Otherwise, as one wag said, "Why not have Jersey Joe Walcott sing the Star Spangled Banner at Spinks' next fight?"

CAN KENTY ENVISION A COMEBACK?

THE CAREER OF HILMER KENTY, former WBA Lightweight Champion, may well be over. Kenty recently underwent surgery to repair a detached retina in his right eye, an injury he says he sustained while training for a fight against Rafael Solis.

Kenty's manager, Emanuel Steward, said he knew nothing about the injury. Nor the operation. "Hilmer has never had a detached retina—not as far as I know," said the surprised manager. "He never told me anything like that at all."

However, Detroit's first professional champion since Joe Louis has had constant eye trouble. And, not only was it rumored that California had denied him a license because of recurring problems, but reporters who had asked the now 20-1 ex-champion if he suffered any such problems were always met with the answer that "Yes," he did suffer from astigmatism, a common visual ailment, but that "corrective lenses had been prescribed." It now seems to have been more. Much more. And Kenty's career hangs in the balance.

BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER

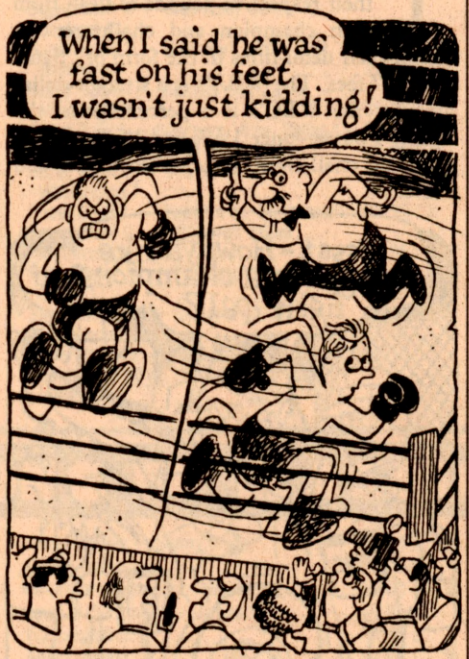
WHAT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION boxed the fewest rounds in heavyweight championship bouts?

Last month's trivia question: Who was the only boxer in history who was truthfully billed as "Greatest"?

Answer: A Brooklyn middleweight who competed from 1958 until his death in the ring in 1966 and compiled a record of 16-10-2 was the only boxer to be truthfully billed as "Greatest". Although his ring ability was not in keeping with his name, his given name was—Honest!—Greatest Crawford.

HE WHO RUNS AWAY DEPT. . .

SOUTH AFRICAN BOXING OFFICIALS withheld 80% of the $5,000 purse Henry Walker was supposed to have "earned" in his fight with Charlie Weir, *Ring*'s 9th-ranked Junior Middleweight, after Walker, who had spent the entire first round running away from his South African opponent, bit the dust in the second.



Mike Mortimer, one of the members of the South African Board, said that his group would report Walker to the California Athletic Commistion, which controls the license of the San Bernardino Junior Middleweight.

WHEN A PICTURE IS NOT WORTH A THOUSAND ID'S

THERE ARE THOSE IN THE KNOW and there are those in the "No". But when the head of public relations for the largest equipment manufacturer in boxing, Everlast, orders pictures from *The Ring* Bookshop, you'd at least think he would know what former heavyweight champs George Foreman, Ezzard Charles, Sonny Liston, Jim Jeffries, John L. Sullivan, and Tommy Burns looked like, not to mention Wilfredo Gomez.

Such was not the case, however, when a recent order came in to *Ring* from Everlast. The executive could not identify any of the above, leaving one only to guess that he was looking at the make of the gloves in the picture—none of whom, ironically, were wearing Everlasts. Had to be a simple case of "no tickee, no identification."

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

WHITEHURST, BERT, 51, APRIL 20, 1981, in Manhattan. Former heavyweight contender who compiled a 32-26-6 record, with 16 KOs, against Hurricane Jackson, Bob Satterfield, Archie Moore, Sonny Liston, Eddie Machen, Bob Foster and most of the ranked heavyweights in the '50s.

GAMBINA, RALPH, 74, JULY 11, 1981, Burbank, California, of cancer. In a career which spanned more than 50 years, Gambina was associated with the sport as a fighter, trainer and manager, handling such headliners as Cisco Andrade, Jimmy McDaniel, Eddie Bean and Eddie "The Animal" Lopez, among many others.

ATKINS, LARRY, IN CLEVELAND, Ohio. Atkins was Cleveland's major fight promoter in the '50s when Cleveland hosted more top-notch cards than in recent times.

PUNCHLINES

HAROLD ROSSFIELDS SMITH ON his recent indictment in the $21 million Wells Fargo embezzlement: "The whole thing is a sham, a railroad job . . . They think they're going to stick this nigger holding the bag. But they're wrong, dead wrong."

Mark Breland, the Thomas Hearns lookalike who is 143 pounds, 6'2" and just 19 years old with a 62-1 record, 43 by KO, on what he wants to be: "6'4""

RING's English correspondent, Reggie Gutteridge, on finding a typo in a recent issue: "Queens*bury* is a bloody station. You mean Queens*berry*. Take a backwards step on the penitent stool."

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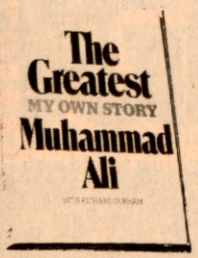

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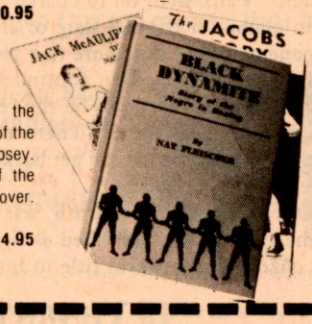

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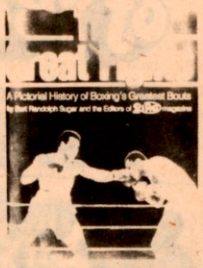

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45 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER, 1936: THE FALLOUT OF THE SCHMELING–Louis bout was still *the* hot item on the pages of *Ring* three months after the initial fight report was published. Nat Fleischer used his opening story to report on the first steps in the "Brown Bomber's" comeback. Despite the "expert" opinion solicited in the previous issue that Louis was washed up, Nat said it was too soon to tell. In his first fight since his downfall, Louis showed no aftereffects of his knockout loss, flooring Jack Sharkey four times on his way to a third round KO. But not everybody agreed. Sharkey, himself said after the fight: Well, who did he beat anyway? Just an old man."

Dan Daniel reported on a fight that never was—the bout between Jimmy Braddock and Max Schmeling which was called off at the last minute amid lawsuits and counter-suits. In an attempt to make a deadline without leaving out what was obviously an important fight, Daniel said: "The match brought together two men who apparently had left their best years, their best acheivements, their last chances for greater glory, behind them." Ironically, he went on to say: "However, the Fates have their little jokes, the old lady called Dame Fortune has her whimsies and her quirks." The Fates, it seems were to play just as cruel a joke on Dan.

BACK IN THE RING

30 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 1951: THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE WALCOTT victory, and with it the title, was the subject of the Dan Daniel story which opened this issue. Newcomer Rocky Maricano, it was noted, would probably stand to be the big loser as his championship hopes would, most likely be sidelined for at least another year. Walcott's manager, wily Felix Bocchicchio, announced that a fourth fight with Charles would be postponed. "We intend to fight only once a year. The heavyweight title has been cheapened by being kicked around so often." Felix went on to charge that it was Joe Louis who was to blame for the sad state of affairs. Daniel thought the postponement was due more to a lack of confidence

In another feature, Dan continued his commentary on the effects of Walcott's victory on the rest of the division. "Louis finds himself sidetracked. There must be another Walcott-Charles fight before Joe can get back into the picture, and who can tell when that will be."

The Fighter of the Month was lightheavyweight Harry Matthews, who was described as fighting against strong odds for a chance at the world title in his division.

15 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER, 1966: IN HIS LEAD COLUMN, NAT FLEISCHER took note of the increasing number of important fights which were occuring with greater frequency than could have been predicted a year ago. He felt this was due to Muhammad Ali's desire to get in as many title bouts as he could prior to the settlement of his draft status.

The champion continued his almost complete dominance of the sport at this time and his name is mentioned on nearly every page. His fight with Brian London was described as a flop from every conceivable standpoint while a piece by Dan Daniel reported on the intricacies of the Department of Justice case for draft evasion.

Emile Griffith was recognized as the Fighter of the Month on the basis of his first defense of his middleweight championship over Joey Archer. It was noted that by edict of the New York Commission, the welterweight title was deemed to be vacant until an elimation tournament could be held for the championship.

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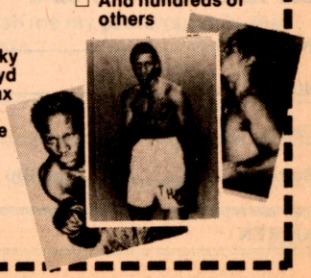

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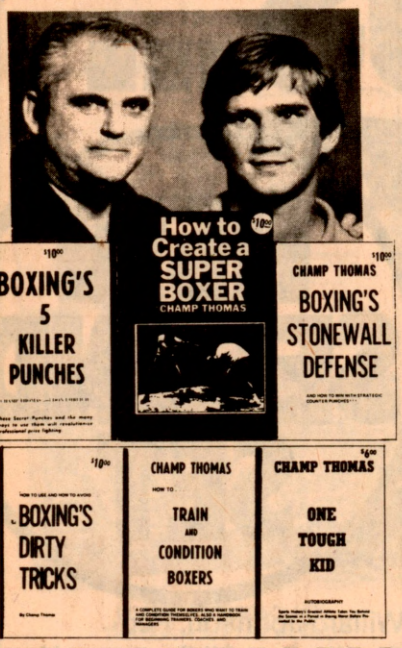

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20/20 HINDSIGHT

IT WAS THE OPINION OF THOSE IN THE USBA that the ABC 20/20 show on boxing only permitted the viewer to see one side of the boxing scene—that being the negative side. The Willie Classen tragedy was shown several times, but very little time was devoted to some of the positive changes made by the New York Athletic Commission and other Commissions since the incident.

Long before Mr. Classen's demise, some forward-thinking Commissions conducted periodic seminars for officials, tightened the medical examination process, ordered ambulances to stand by at boxing shows, outlawed unsafe rings, insisted on "enseflor" padding in rings, enacted better insurance programs to aid an injured boxer, and sought collectively to get a glove manufactured to reduce the incidence of eye injury. Some of the aforementioned have been accomplished, even in the face of "Sunset Legislation" and budget crunches throughout the United States.

As President of the United States Boxing Association, I sincerely believe those of us in boxing were dealt a slanted blow by 20/20 and deserve an opportunity to let the public know what we have done for the betterment of boxing so that a truer picture is projected for the viewing audience. I therefore call on ABC to provide the USBA with equal time on their network to tell the *other* side of the story.

ROBERT W. LEE, PRESIDENT

I FEEL THAT I HAVE TO COMMENT ON the July 9th airing of ABC's 20/20. Being a boxing fan, I have mixed feelings about the bad press boxing received that night. But, perhaps, is is this kind of exposure that will upgrade safety regs and standardize them nationwide (at least!).

I would like to think that *Ring* was, in part, responsible for this expose. Now, how about something similar dealing with the WBA-WBC rip-off?

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WHERE THERE'S HOPE

I WAS SORRY TO SEE BRITAIN'S Maurice Hope lose his World Junior-Middleweight title to Wilfred Benitez. However, Maurice gave his best and no one can ask for more. However, being defeated by such a brilliant fighter like Benitez is no disgrace. Certainly Wilfred, a former World Champion at junior-welterweight and welterweight, looks well on his way to being a REAL GREAT after winning his third World crown. This fine fighter can surely go on to greater honors in the future.

For Hope, too, the future can be pretty good. During his fine career, Hope has won the World, European, British and Commonwealth titles. Not a bad track record. Should "Mo" decide to fight on, he can most certainly regain his British crown from undefeated Herol Graham, who is very good but as yet does not know enough to hold off Hope. European title holder Louis Acaries and Commonwealth king Kenny Bristol would both taste defeat if they went against Hope. Plus good solid bouts against fellow Britains like Pat Thomas, Dave Green, Jimmy Batten and Steve Hopkin would keep "Mo" active. It's also possible that Hope might want to meet the man in the next division up and try his hand against former world middleweight champion Alan Minter, European title holder Tony Sibson, British champ Roy Gumbs or hard-punching Eddie Burke.

So, there's still much hope for Hope if he continues.

RALPH OATES, HORNCHURCH, ESSEX, ENGLAND

WHERE WORDS FAIL

I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT BOXING was the most demanding and glorious of sports. It's a one-on-one sport and there is no alibi for the loser. The loser deserves credit though, merely for stepping in the ring. He should not be mocked, no matter how he loses. If he shoots his mouth off too loudly before the fight, he might deserve a slight verbal jab, but even this is in dubious taste. It is certainly not the place of a sportscaster to do this on national television.

The sportscaster I have in mind is Sal Marchiano of ESPN. The pharase "Good Night, Sweet Prince" does not do justice to any courageous ring warrior. Mr. Marchiano says that after every knockout. I wonder if Mr. Marchiano ever stepped into a ring himself. Probably not, such callous indifference is not garnered from experience. This tastelessness is similar to the playing of "Another One Bites the Dust" at the Michael Spinks-Marvin Johnson fight. Mr. Marchiano's boxing commentary is already, in my opinion, quite suspect. These comments are the icing on the cake though.

JOHN CORTEO, CLEARWATER, FLA.

THE WBC AND WBA HIT SOUTH OF THE BODER

I'M WRITING BECAUSE I'M SICK AND tired of the farce that the WBC and WBA are making out of our boxing system. Their manipulation of ratings, wholesale larceny of the hard-earned money of fighters and managers, extreme desire to keep the titles ununited, total disregard for true and fair rankigns and atrocities such as WBC's president Jose Sulaiman's mandate that all title bouts sanctioned by "his" or organization must be fought with a Mexican (Sulaiman is Mexican) product—Reyes or Seyer gloves, both inferior—are atrocious. This dictatorial rule must be ended and the stigma removed.

DAVID P. TOBIAS, AKRON, OHIO

BOXING IS NOT SPELLED WITH A "KO"

YOUR SERIES "GREAT KO's" IS AN excellent piece of boxing past. I would love to see you make room in your flexible magazine for great boxing "matches." Say, for instance, Sugar Ray Robinson vs. Kid Gavilan One or Two. All great fights are not always KO's. By the way, the name of the game is boxing.

CALVIN WRIGHT, NASHVILLE, TENN.

TOUGHMAN CONTESTS NOT PRESCRIBED FOR DOCTORS

THE PORTLAND BOXING COMMISSION, specifically Dr. Ken Wilhelmi and myself, are adamant that we will not allow "So You Think You're Tough Boxing" in the Portland area, which is covered by the Portland Municipal Boxing Commission. After viewing this type of boxing elsewhere, it is our unanimous opinion that this type of boxing represents the worst in boxing and that the chances for injury or even death are tremendous. It is impossible to take two unknown men off the street even if they are of approximately the same weight and put them into the ring together without getting gross mismatches.

Even if we were to give each of these men a complete physical exam—the same as we do our professional boxers—it would not be possible for us to determine the individual's boxing ability or his ability to protect himself. As you well know, this so-called "ability" can only be determined by either knowing the boxer as he comes up through the amateur ranks or watching him during his early workouts in the gym and matching him in his early matches with another boxer of comparable ability. This makes for good boxing matches and not "gladiator spectacles".

As a final clencher, I have consulted with the insurance carrier who covers most of the physician's malpractice insurance in Oregon and I have it on record that they have no problem with keeping Dr. Wilhelmi and I covered with our standard malpractice policy as long as we are serving the boxing commission and examining and treating professional boxers. They feel, however, that because of the added risks, should a problem arise in a "So You Think You're Tough" bout and if we had examined these men and were present at ringside, then our insurer would feel obligated to drop our malpractice insurance. Any physician who covers these matches in Oregon and elsewhere is putting himself in financial jeopardy, whether he realizes it or not.

JACK E. BATTALIA, M.D., P.C., PORTLAND, OREGON

"O FIGHTER MOST FOUL"

IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE AN annual category for "Dirtiest Fighter of the Year" I would like to nominate Michael Spinks. He approched his fight with Eddie Mustafa Muhammad with the logic that "If I can't beat my opponent on skill, I will foul him into defeat."

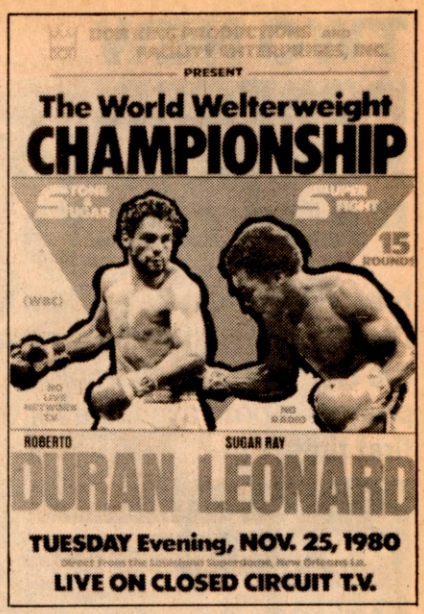
When it became evident in the early going that Michael did not have the tools to beat Eddie, he resorted to thumbing his eye shut, lacing him, elbowing him and—everybody's favorite—sticking his chin in Mustafa's back in a clinch. Personally, I had Mustafa pitching a shut out until his eye was thumbed shut. And I still felt, after 15 rounds, that the fight was a draw. It is a sad way that Eddie lost his title and I hope Mike is enough of a sportsman to give him a rematch. Or, is that asking too much of a gold medalist, who once fought under the banner of sportsmanship?

JAMES PETTERSON, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

I THINK I'M AGAINST WHATEVER IT IS I'M NOT FOR . . . MAYBE

I RECENTLY SAW YOUR INTERVIEW ON the "Tough Man Contests" on television. I enjoyed it. However, I would like to view one of these contests, before they are outlawed. Can you please provide me with information on where to see them?

HENRY G. MACHENHEIMER, JR., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.



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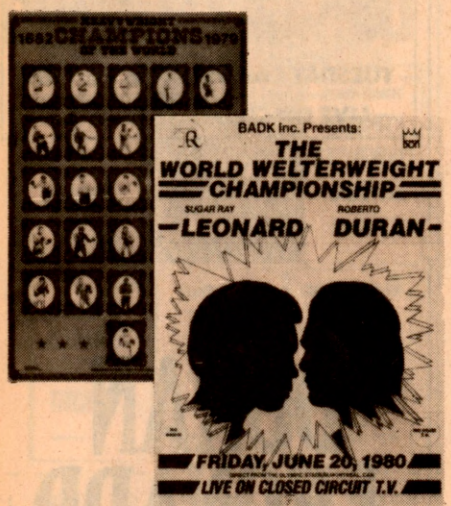

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q I heard on a recent TV show that Ken Norton once fought Jimmy Young for the world heavyweight title. Unless I am mistaken wasn't their bout an elimination and not a title fight?

—*BUD TURNER*

A *You are completely correct. On September 28, 1976, Ken lost to Muhammad Ali in a close 15-rounds in New York. The following year Norton, on the comeback trail, knocked out Duane Bobick, ditto for Lorenzo Zanon and, in a WBC elimination contest to fill their newly vacated heavyweight title—created in their own minds when they stripped Leon Spinks of his title—defeated Jimmy Young over 15 rounds. Some four months later the WBC proclaimed Norton the world heavyweight champion. In his very first title defense, June 9, 1978, Ken lost a 15-round decision—and his crown—to Larry Holmes in Las Vegas.*

Q Was Sal Bartolo recognized by the New York State Athletic Commission or the NBA as the world featherweight champion? Also, did he ever fight Dave Barry?

—*GENE MONTGOMERY*

A *Bartolo was recognized by the NBA (now the WBA) as the world feather champ when he defeated Phil Terranova, March 10, 1944, in Boston. The year before he had had two cracks at Willie Pep, one of which was for Pep's universally recognized title. He lost both by decision. On June 7, 1946, Bartolo and Pep had their rubber match with Pep icing Sal in 12 rounds. This bout further entrenched Willie since Sal lost his NBA part of the title to Pep. Bartolo fought Dave Barry in Worchester, Mass., on February 3, 1939, and won a 10-round decision.*

Q Could you give me some info on the Joe Louis soda beverage bottle?

—*DANELL ROBERTS*

A *The soft drink you mentioned was "Joe Louis Punch." It had Joe's name on front and under that the notation, "It's a Knockout" was Joe's signature. I would suggest writing to the Sea-ly Bottling Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for what concoction was poured into the jug to make it a "knockout."*

Q What state in the U.S. held the most number of professional boxing shows in 1980?

—*PATRICK MURPHY*

A *Michigan. The Kobo amateur boxing team has brought intense interest back to the area. As many as four professional boxing cards are fielded a week in such arenas as the new Joe Louis, Cobo, and 20 Grand Showroom arenas. The state of Nevada is second in the running.*

Q The Ring recently stated that a boxer could not hold two world titles at one time. How about Leonard? And what happens to the winner of the Hearns-Leonard fight?

—*JEROME ADLER*

A *The boxing mogols in the U.S. for several decades have made it mandatory that if a fighter won a title he would have to relinquish one of his two titles. Recently the WBC has stated that a fighter could hold two titles simultaneously. At this time the WBA has not commented on the matter and still do not allow a fighter to hold two titles in two different weight classes. Leonard currently is the holder of the WBC welter title and the WBA Junior middleweight crown. Hearns is the holder of the WBA welter crown. Their fight will make the winner the universally accepted welter champion. The WBC has stated its position if Leonard wins and what action the WBA will take only time will tell.*

Q I understand that a movie is going to be made on the life of Sugar Ray Robinson. True?

—*ALFRED GHOLSON*

A *A cinema on Ray is being made, "The Savage Classic" and should be released toward the end of this year or in 1982.*

Q I understand that there is a new book out called: "Sean O'Grady The Living Legend," by Champ Thomas. Where can I purchase a copy?

—*GEORGE D. STEPHENS*

A *The Ring Book Shop has ordered the book. Watch our book ad for particulars.*

Q My friends and I have been collectors of boxing magazines and I would like to get an idea of their worth. Also, do you have any old issues for sale?

—*TED BAWDEN*

A *Drop a line to* The Ring *Magazine asking for a price list of available back issues of* The Ring *and this should give you a means to evaluate your collection.*

Q Exactly when did Jim Jeffries retire and when did he die? —*WAYNE DIEHL*

A *James Jackson Jeffries (The Boilermaker) was born on April 15, 1875, and he passed on March 3, 1953, at Burbank, California. He announced his retirement immediately after his three round exhibition with Jack Jeffries May 3, 1921.*

Q In a March 1979 issue of Gallery Magazine, page 73, I read a series of quotations attributed to Duane Bobick about a knockout with Ron Lyle. I can find no record of the fight—what's the score?

—*MILNER BENEDICT*

A *Duane Bobick and Ron Lyle never fought as professionals. We have no record of their having met as amateurs.*

Q Has Danny "Little Red" Lopez retired. Why?

—*LANCE LENNIER*

A *In 1980 he lost two fights to Salvatore Sanchez and after a consultation with his managers and loved ones—and being financially solvent—he decided to call it quits.*

Q Can you settle a dispute as to the round and time of Muhammad Ali's TKO by Larry Holmes in September of 1980?

—*LOUIS J. MARUT*

A *Ali did not answer the bell for round 11 and it went into the Record Book as an 11 round KO.*

Q Please give me the right name of the Frankie Campbell who was knocked out on August 25, 1930 in 5 rounds by Max Baer and died after the bout?

—*FRED CORDOL*

A *His real name was Frank Camilli, the brother of, at that time, Brooklyn Dodgers Baseball team first baseman, Dolph Camilli.*

Q Did Joey Giardello ever hold the world light heavyweight title? I have a wager he never held a title.

—*STEFFAN MANNERBERG*

A *Giardello never held the light heavyweight title. He did win the world middleweight crown from Dick Tiger on December 7, 1963, and lost it back to Tiger on October 21, 1965.*

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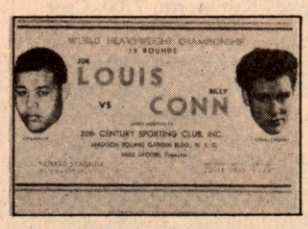

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A skinny and determined kid, he turned pro and gave it his all. One day in the gym he caught the eye of Ray Arcel, who asked his trainer, "Who's that kid?" . . . When told "Johnny Colainni", Ray thought a while and said, "Change the name to Colan—Irish Johnny Colan—the kid will go far." And he did, winning 45 out of his first 50 fights . . . Johnny Colan was a former top middleweight and light heavyweight and also masqueraded as a heavyweight. In 1942, after knocking out Jimmy Webb, a top contender, in two rounds at Madison Square Garden, negotiations were started for a championship bout with Gus Lesnevich. However, shortly thereafter, Lesnevich went into the service. WWII had begun and Johnny enlisted into the Coast Guard and was assigned to a troop transport headed for Calcutta, India . . . When Johnny was discharged after a four year hitch, he resumed his fighting career. Within the following two years, he traded punches with Henry Cooper, Tony Msuto, Bob Foxworth, George Kochan and Billy Grant.

In 1948, he was matched with Jake LaMotta for the first TV boxing match at St. Nick's Arena. It drew a record crowd and was a "raging" unforgettable fight. The crowd was on its feet throughout the whole fight, which was

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evenly matched until the tenth round, when LaMotta caught Colan with a low blow which resulted in a TKO loss. The promoter wanted a rematch in Madison Square Garden but Johnny decided against it and retired from the ring . . . Discretion and good sense being the better part of valor, Johnny then entered the business world, rather than have "one more fight". Although he was comparatively young (26 yrs.) by today's standards, his success in his field has proven that he made a wise decision . . . During the last 30 years, John has progressively moved up the ladder in the field of finance. Starting out as a salesman, he is now President of his own company with 40 agents and is also a top ranking general agent representing the Traveler's Insurance Company . . . Johnny Colan and his lovely wife Jo recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary with their two beautiful, talented daughters—Laura, who is in advertising and Cheri, a Registered Nurse, who works in the operating room at Mother Cabrini Hospital in New York City . . . And so, to Johnny Colan, a gentleman who took a giant step from the boxing trunks of Madison Square Garden to the Pin Stripes of Madison Avenue—We can only say, "Here's to Johnny Colan, a man who knows the ropes."

On Sept. 11, 1981 a monument of the late Joe Louis was placed on his grave at Arlington National Cemetary. The stone, five feet wide and four feet deep, is of brown marble with a sculpture of Joe on the face of the stone. The stone's cost is estimated at $20,000 and the sculptor, John McArthur, a friend of Joe's from Las Vegas, donated the statue.

At a recent meeting of the Veteran Boxers Association, International Ring 101, Baltimore, Maryland the following veteran boxers were elected to the 1981 Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame: Benny Schwartz, Boom Boom Lester, Sammy Baccala, Will Matthews, Earl Clemons, Charlie Campbell, Earl Mathias, Jimmy Lazzatti and Frankie Cech . . . In addition, five others were elected in various categories for their contributions to the sport of boxing: Mickey O'Donnell, Vince Bagli, Bobby Pomerlane, Bob Shrout and Joe Wallace . . . On Sunday October 18, 1981, this organization will sponsor their ninth annual Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame Awards Dinner-Dance, which will be held at Martin's West, Beltway and Security Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland from 12:30 to 5:30 P.M.

Joe Dundee, former world welterweight champion is confined to a convalescent home . . . The readers of *Ring* can write him under his real name: SAM LAZZARO, at the Valley View Convalescent Home, Room 5B, Joppa Rd., Joppa, Maryland . . . Jackie Lotz, able New York State boxing inspector, and former mitt-slinger, who played Arthur Donovan in the recent movie "Raging Bull," is recuperating in St. John's Hospital in Yonkers, N.Y. . . . Billy Bakus, former welterweight champion, was recently appointed a boxing inspector in the Syracuse area by commission chairman Jack Prenderville.

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JOE ROCHE—The former "Frisco Flash", who kayoed Leo Lomski and was in there with the likes of Jock Malone, Dave Shade, Eddie Roberts, Bert Colima and Chick Devlin, recently celebrated his 75th birthday and still lives in the North Beach section of San Francisco, Calif.

TIPPY LARKIN—The former "Garfield Gunner" now working for Passaic County, N.J. as a maintenance man for the road repairing department.

BILLY CELEBRON—Former great welter from Rockford, Ill. who boxed in the 30's and 40's and at one time beat and fought a draw with Tony Zale, now owns the Loop Tavern, which is located at 3125 S. Main St. in Rockford, Illinois.

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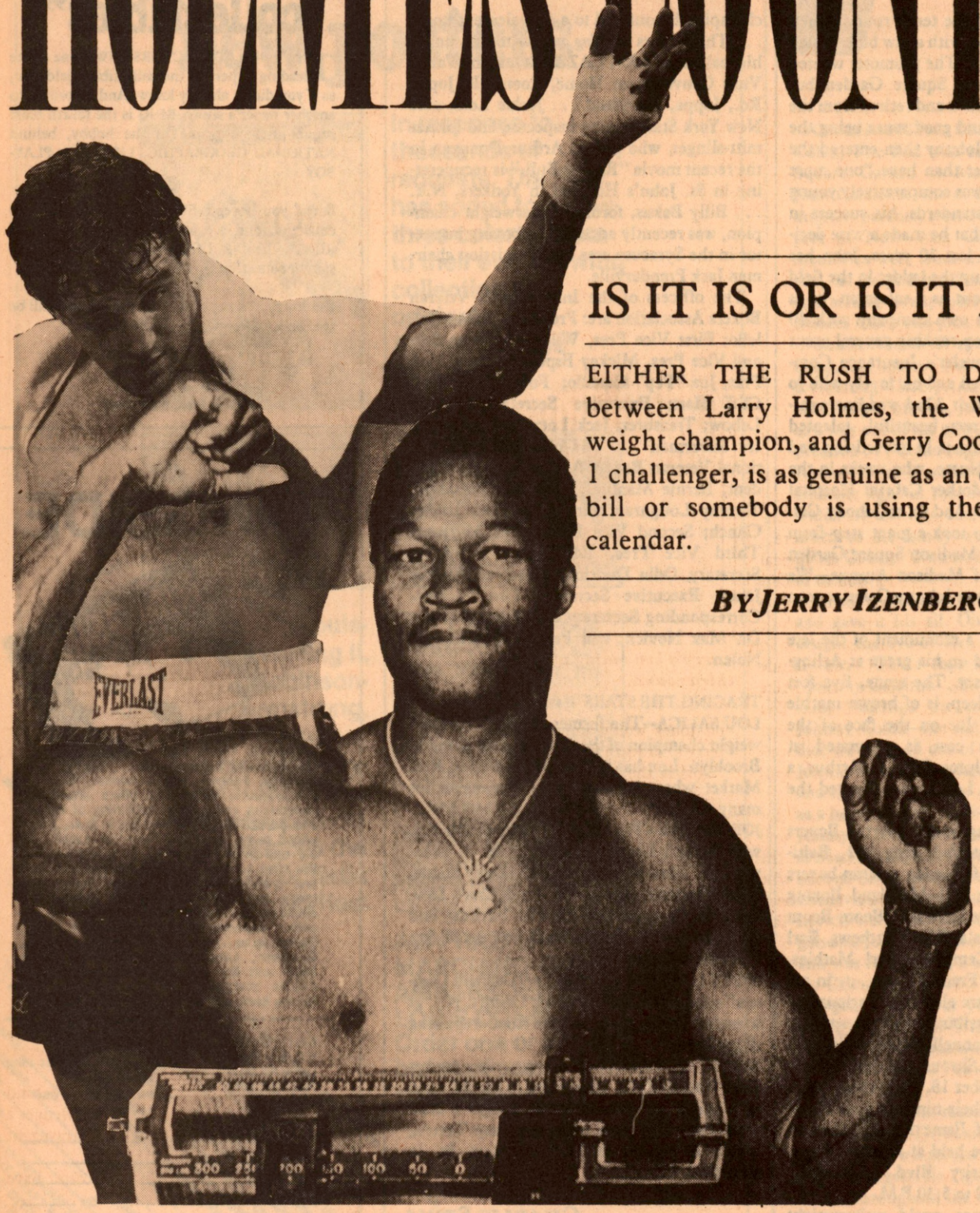


IS IT IS OR IS IT AIN'T?

EITHER THE RUSH TO DO BATTLE between Larry Holmes, the WBC heavyweight champion, and Gerry Cooney, the No. 1 challenger, is as genuine as an eleven-dollar bill or somebody is using the last Aztec calendar.

BY JERRY IZENBERG

Don King, the promoter, says the fight is signed, and the challenger's people do not deny it.

Don King, the promoter, says the payday will be between $8-10 million for each fighter, and the challenger's people do not deny that either.

Don King, the promoter, says he wants the fight in October or November; the challenger's people say they want it in May or June.

These last are fighting words not unlike a kid in a schoolyard saying to another third grader, if you step over this line, I will come back a week from next Tuesday and rap you in the mouth.

Despite all the rhetoric that now comes out of the champion's corner, he remains, quite clearly, the champion. Whether the quality of that rhetoric is ill-advised or not, it also remains a fact that the words were generated in rebuttal.

The other rhetoric, however, cries for an explanation. Either Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones, who co-manage the challenger, want him to fight Larry Holmes or they don't. On the surface they would seem to want this fight. The key question, then, is: Why next spring?

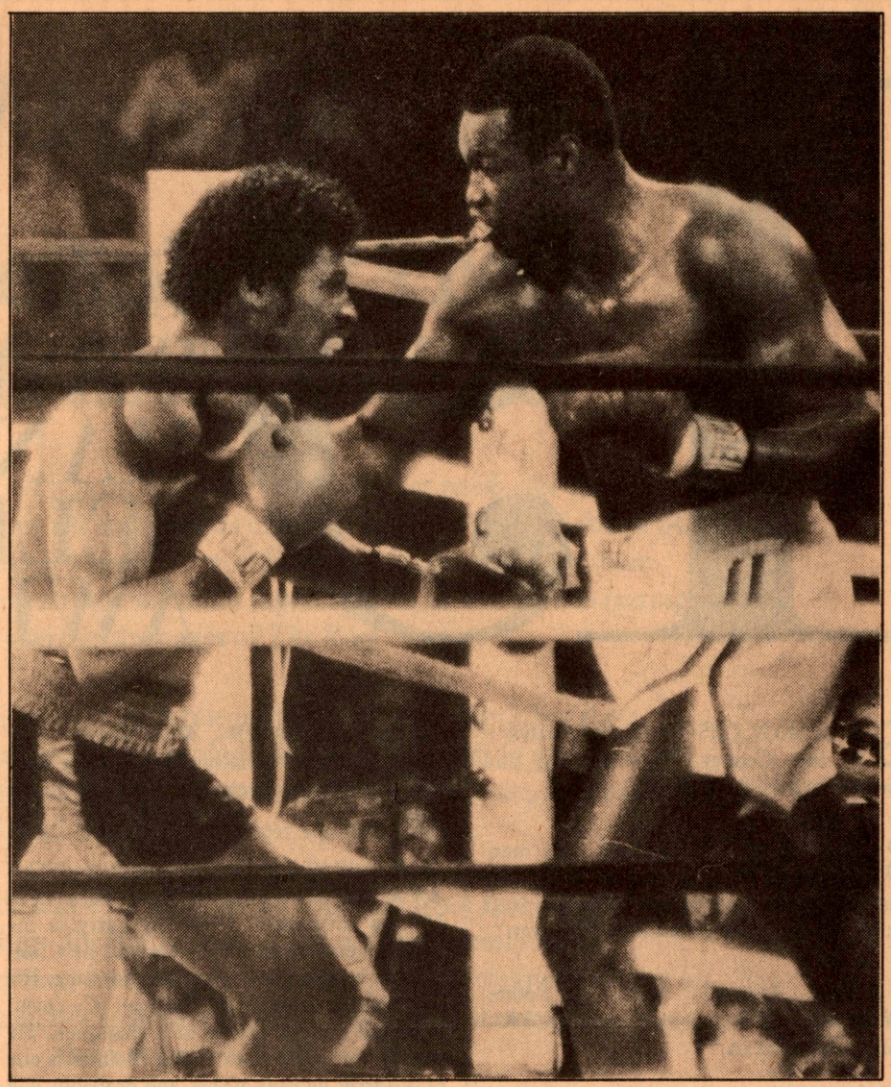
At the moment there are no other contractual obligations which Gerry Cooney must honor before he fights for the WBC title. The on-the-table statement from his people is that it is imperative that he fight a tune-up, ostensibly against Trevor Berbick or Randy Cobb. If you saw Cobb in the ring with Earnie Shavers, then you do not have to be a brain surgeon to understand why he is an option here.

Now before you follow this to its logical conclusion, it is imperative for you to understand that whatever Cooney's co-managers may lack in charm or syntax, they have done what appears to be the best managerial job in a long, long time. This would even include the self-proclaimed brilliance of Mike Trainer, Sugar Ray Leonard's advisor. You should bear in mind that Messrs. Rappaport and Jones did not have a television network with a vested interest in creating an American folk myth for them.

They have gotten tremendous mileage for Cooney. They have negotiated extremely well for him from an economic standpoint. In the process, it should be apparent to anyone who understands such things, they have been blessed with the bonus of bonuses—the fact that Gerry Cooney continues to improve each time out. The marriage they arranged between the fighter and his trainer, Victor Valle, has been a dandy.

In point of fact, there is no justification for those who criticize them so heavily.

Which makes what is happening these days that much more peculiar. Shut out of a match for the WBA title against Mike Weaver, the Cooney high command shifted its attention to Larry Holmes. The war of words was calculated to give the impression that were Holmes willing to shed his coat in an alley, Rappaport and Jones would immediately agree to hold Gerry's cardigan for him.



Larry's last outing was against Leon Spinks whom he "destroyed" at 2:34 of the third round.

This is the kind of war of words in which a manager will indulge when he is setting the stage to force a shot at the title. But now we have the ludicrous sight of a challenger demanding a fight on the one hand and insisting that the champion wait nine months for him to step into the ring.

It's nice work if you can get it and if the champion agrees to give it to them on their terms, then the champion is a very foolish fellow.

There are several explanations for what is happening here and since the challenger's people are on record and have put their fighter on record, they are worth exploring:

A) Jones and Rappaport are under the assumption that a month is only 24 hours long.

B) Jones and Rappaport are watching the WBA situation very closely to see what they can make of that, while the WBC champion waits—and he's a fool if he does.

C) Jones and Rappaport are not quite sure exactly how good their fighter is at this stage and how much he still has to learn before he fights a moving target as opposed to the vast bulk of the opposition he has thus far faced.

Anyone who thinks Gerry Cooney can't fight is a fool.

Anyone who thinks Gerry Cooney won't get better is a fool.

There is, therefore, the genuine possibility that the Cooney people just might be concerned that their fighter isn't quite ready to take on Holmes at this stage of both participants' careers. If that's the case then their talk is a sham. If that's what's behind all of this, then you cannot fault what becomes a necessary managerial decision.

On the other hand, if that's what's behind all of this, then it is time for the challenger's folks to put a muzzle on their extravagant claims.

Even with a great prospect, you can't have it both ways.

19 EXPERTS TRY THEIR HAND AT SELECTING A WINNER

GIL CLANCY, CBS-TV Boxing Analyst—"I like Cooney. He's too big and punches too hard for Holmes."

SHELLY FINKEL, New York fight manager—"I think Cooney will win it by knockout within six rounds. Holmes' legs can't carry him away from Cooney's power."

MARV ALBERT, NBC-TV Sportscaster—"I'll go with Cooney to TKO Holmes in round six."

DAN DUVA, Promoter, Hearns-Leonard "Showdown"—"This fight depends on when it comes off. If it happens this year, Holmes will win. If it happens next year, say, any later than June, I lean towards Cooney if he hasn't gotten beaten by somebody else."

SYD MARTIN, Veteran Manager/Trainer—"If Cooney uses his jab as a primary weapon and his hook as a secondary weapon, he'll win. If he makes the mistake of leading with his hook and using that as his primary weapon, then he'll lose."

TONY AYALA, SR., Veteran Trainer—"Cooney inside of five rounds. If the fight goes over eight, Holmes will win. I would like to have seen Cooney get more rounds under his belt against better opposition."

MUHAMMAD ALI, Former Heavyweight Champion—"I would bet on Cooney. He may hit Larry so hard he may jar his kinfolks in Africa."

THOMAS HEARNS, WBA Welterweight Champion—"Holmes has proven himself as a champ. I gotta go with him in this fight."

MURRAY GOODMAN, Publicist—"This will be a tougher fight than even Holmes anticipates. However, Larry is the perfect heavyweight. He's big and he's fast. His left is one of the best lefts of all time. His right has power. He's got the heart of a champion and the confidence of a champion. He doesn't waste punches, either. Holmes is one of the great fighters of this, and probably, any other generation. Cooney is tough, big and hits very hard, but he's no match for Holmes in the long run."

JOHN F.X. CONDON, President, Madison Square Garden Boxing—"I think Holmes has what is needed to beat Cooney. He's faster than anybody Cooney has ever fought, he has a better jab than anybody Cooney has ever fought and he's smarter than anybody Cooney has ever fought. Holmes also will be up for this one. The desire is still there. He'll win."

BOB ARUM, President, Top Rank, Inc.—"Holmes wins by a knockout."

BRUCE TRAMPLER, Assistant Matchmaker, Top Rank, Inc.—"Cooney should win. Holmes' legs are gone, or at least, not what they once were. Cooney is a great body puncher, and Holmes is ready to be taken. It should be Cooney by a knockout."

AL BRAVERMAN, Manager/Trainer—"I feel Cooney has all the tools to kayo Holmes. I think he's the most devastating left hooker since the Joe Louis era. He's capable of knocking out anybody he hits. If any man can beat Holmes, it's Cooney.

DON CHARGIN, Matchmaker—"I like Cooney to beat Holmes. Cooney's exceptional power will make the difference."

DR. FERDIE PACHECO, Boxing Consultant, NBC-TV—"If the fight happens this year or early in 1982, I've got to go with Holmes, who's such a fine fighter. Unfortunately, this is the first real test for Cooney, and it's tough to begin learning when you're up against a firing squad. I like Holmes by a knockout inside of 10."

SAL MARCHIANO, Sportscaster, ESPN—"At this point in their careers, I have too much respect for Holmes' ability and too many questions about Cooney. The 'Easton Assassin' will win."

BENNIE GEORGINO, Manager—"Cooney will win by knockout within 10 rounds, maybe even eight. If it goes past 10, Holmes will win. But I think Cooney will start strong and do everything he can to get Holmes out of there. He hits hard enough to do it."

LARRY HOLMES, World Heavyweight Champion—"I will beat up Gerry Cooney and knock him out within seven rounds. If I don't stop him within seven, I'll quit!"

GERRY COONEY, Top Heavyweight Challenger—"It's not my style to make predictions. All I know is that I'm gonna win."

Ring Magazine Special

The Rules Of The WBA And The WBC

Because there is a great interest—no, make that need—for the boxing community to know the up-to-date rules of both the WBA and the WBC, we have sent telegrams to these two world governing bodies asking them to forward them forthwith so that we could reprint them, as a service to boxing, here in the pages of *The Ring*.

Both organizations sent back telegrams saying, in effect, that their rules and/or constitutions were undergoing some sort of updating and that they would be sent to us to reproduce in the very near future. However, at press time we still had not received their updated rules.

Therefore, each and every month we will hold open this page—and those following—for their rules, which we breathlessly await. Until that time we will reprint, each month if necessary, their telegrams telling us, in so many words, not to hold our breath. Maybe, just maybe, there are no such rules!

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TODAY'S BEST FIGHTER AT ANY WEIGHT

As the old-timers would say, "Back in Nineteen-ought-twenty-nine," Wilbur Wood of the New York *Sun* put together the first poll ever selecting the "Best Fighter at any Weight." The winner of that 1929 poll was Middleweight Champion Mickey Walker, then campaigning as a heavyweight.

In the editorial he wrote accompanying the final tabulation of the votes, Wood noted, in the quaint style of the day, that "Pound for pound and inch for inch, Mickey Walker won the palm as the best all-around fighter in the game on the basis of the findings of the newspaper boxing experts who collaborated in the *Sun's* annual national boxing consensus for 1929."

Since that first poll, lo those 52 years ago, the *Sun*—along with many other newspapers—has set. But the question posed to those "newspaper boxing experts" was much the same as one which still prevails, to wit: "Who is the best fighter, pound-for-pound, in boxing today?" And even though the number of so-called "newspaper boxing experts," along with their newspapers, has become decidedly less, the number of boxers has, if anything, increased. Thus making the chore all the more difficult.

In what might best be described as a "Fools-Rush-In-Where-Angels-Fear-to-Tread" mission of mercy, *The Ring* has elected to pick up what Wood and The *Sun* started and, beginning with this Special October issue, will, each year, poll our International Ratings Panel to determine just who, in their collective opinion, is "The Best", regardless of weight class.

This year, in the very first *Ring* "Best" poll, with 50 votes tabulated, the winner is, not surprisingly, Sugar Ray Leonard, who received votes from every one of the 50, 22 of whom cast their first-place votes for Leonard.

Following Leonard, though, there is a surprise. Of sorts. For the second-place winner, although trailing Leonard by some hundred total points in the balloting (based upon 10 points being given for first, nine for seconds, etc.), is Heavyweight Champion Larry Holmes. Finishing third is Thomas Hearns, followed by Wilfredo Gomez in fourth, Mssrs. Hagler and Arguello finishing in a dead heat for fifth. Wilfred Benitez "came in" seventh, Gerry Cooney—obviously impressing enough of the voters despite a total of only two rounds in the last 19 months—finished eighth, Salvador Sanchez ninth and Roberto Duran wound up tenth to round out the Top 10.

In all a total of 26 boxers received votes as today's "Best All-Around" boxer, ranging from Sugar Ray's 434 total points down to Ayub Kalule's three, with every one of Ring's traditional 12 weight classifications represented—with the exception of Flyweights.

		WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION	TOTAL POINTS
1.	**Sugar Ray Leonard**	**Welterweight***	**434 (20)**
2.	**Larry Holmes**	**Heavyweight***	**326 (6)**
3.	**Thomas Hearns**	**Welterweight**	**321 (4)**
4.	**Wilfredo Gomez**	**Jr. Featherweight***	**284 (10)**
5.	**Alexis Arguello**	**Lightweight***	**262 (4)**
	Marvin Hagler	**Middleweight***	**262 (4)**
7.	**Wilfred Benitez**	**Jr. Middleweight**	**254**
8.	**Gerry Cooney**	**Heavyweight**	**115**
9.	**Salvador Sanchez**	**Featherweight***	**102**
10.	**Roberto Duran**	**Jr. Middleweight**	**54**
11.	Matthew Saad Muhammad	Light Heavyweight*	38
12.	Michael Spinks	Light Heavyweight	36
13.	Aaron Pryor	Jr. Welterweight*	34
14.	Jeff Chandler	Bantamweight*	32
	Mike Weaver	Heavyweight	32
16.	Saoul Mamby	Jr. Welterweight	29
17.	Eusebio Pedroza	Featherweight	21
18.	Pipino Cuevas	Welterweight	18
19.	Cornelius Boza-Edwards	Jr. Lightweight	16
20.	Greg Page	Heavyweight	15
21.	Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini	Lightweight	13
22.	Sean O'Grady	Lightweight	9
	Lupe Pintor	Bantamweight	9
24.	Michael Dokes	Heavyweight	8
25.	Mustafa Hamsho	Middleweight	4
26.	Ayub Kalule	Jr. Middleweight	3

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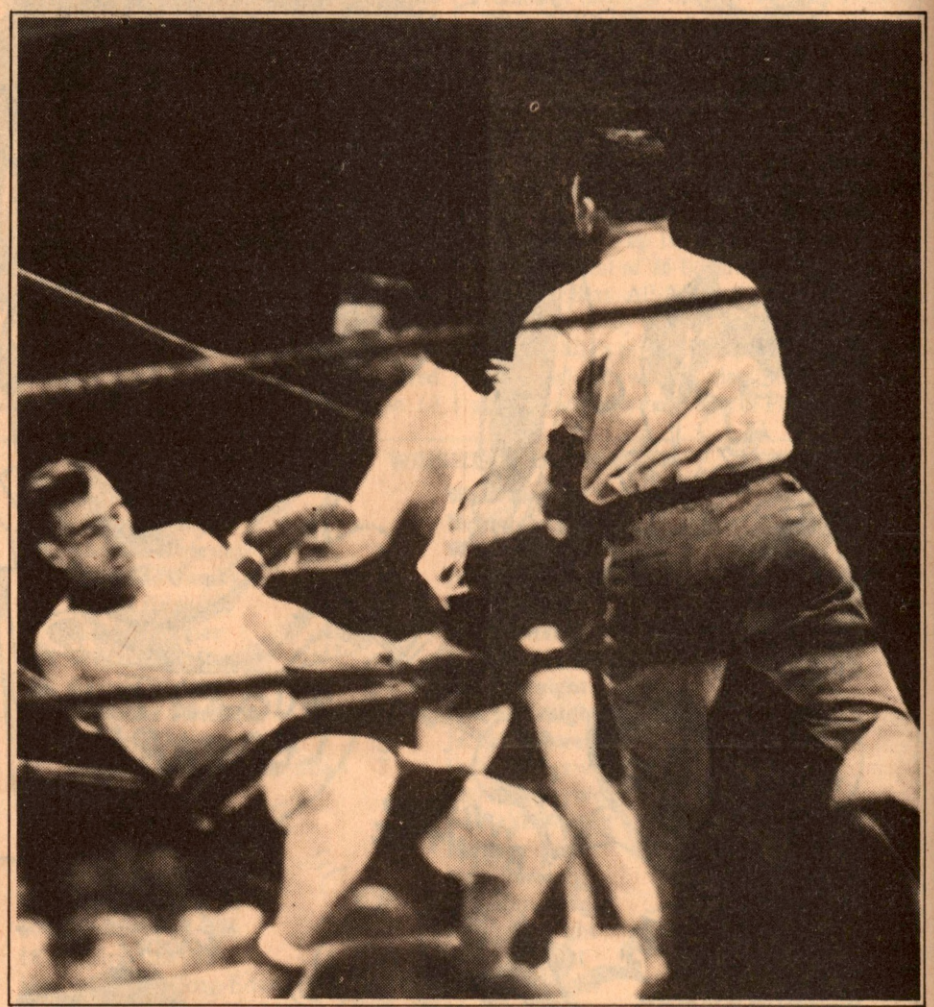
50 ballots, scored on a 1-10 basis (10 for 1st, 9 for 2nd, etc.)
First-place votes in parentheses. Ed. Note: Poll compiled prior to Sanchez-Gomez fight.

WIN, LOSE & DRAW, BY CHARLIE MCGILL

THE HARDEST-HITTING HEAVYWEIGHTS



BY BILL GALLO

ALTHOUGH the jury is still out on Gerry Cooney, it is generally conceded by most boxing people that his big left hook is the McCoy, legit, the goods. ¶ If this Irish heavyweight emerges to take his place at the top of his class, as many expect him to, it will be with the help of that left mitt of his. Then, and only then, he will undoubtedly be mentioned in the same breath with the likes of Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Rocky Marciano and Max Baer—the best of the big swatters.

And, because of the revived interest in the "big punch", I coralled a four-man panel, all experts, to rate the punching power of the five hardest-hitting heavyweight champions of the past 50 years—Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Max Baer, George Foreman and Sonny Liston.

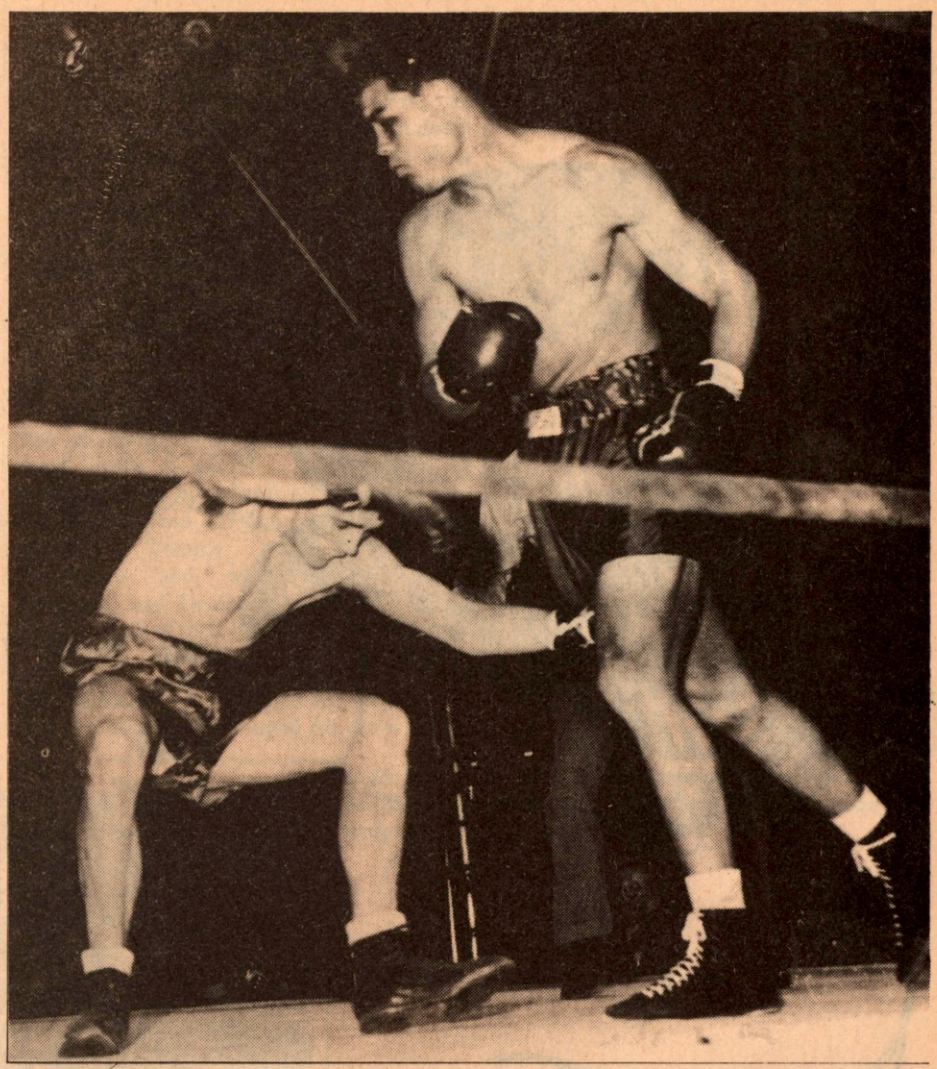
The Committee of four were: Harry Markson, the former President of Madison Square Garden; Gil Clancy, former matchmaker at the Garden and current CBS commentator; Don Dunphy, the famed fight broadcaster; and Ray Arcel, the most famous of all boxing trainers who recently retired after spending the last nine years guiding the career of Roberto Duran. Amazingly, all four, although interviewed separately, concur on their evaluation of all five heavyweights.

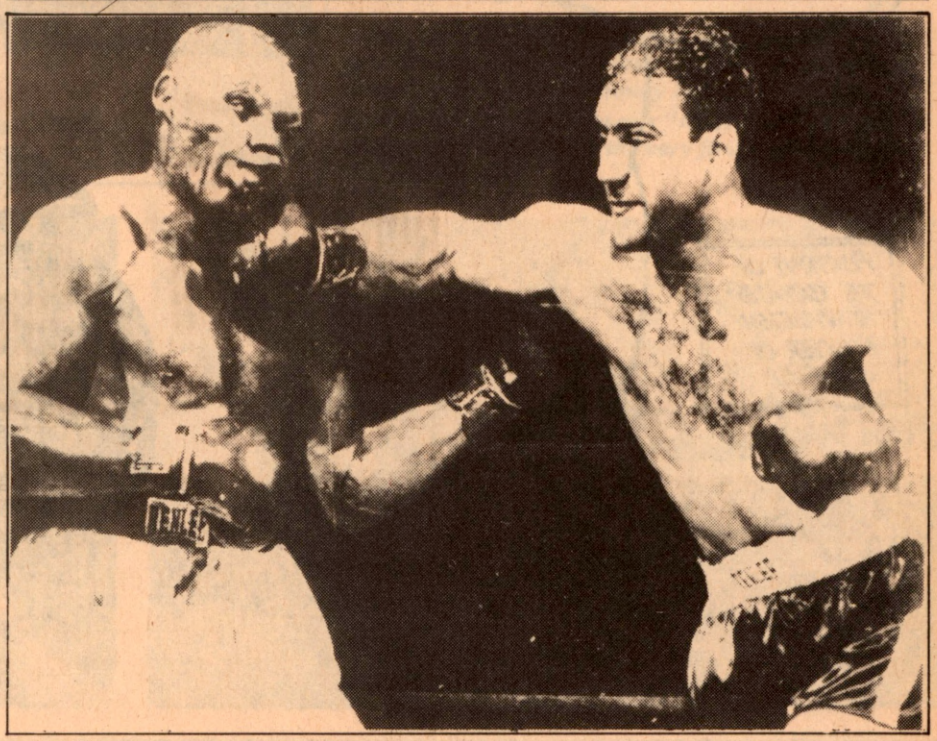
(1) **JOE LOUIS:** A mastercraftsman who could make openings . . . His left jab had great snap to it, even used it as a knockout weapon on occasions . . . Never wasted a punch . . A great finisher once he had his man hurt . . . The most "correct" puncher with power in either hand . . .

(2) **ROCKY MARCIANO:** Clumsy puncher but good leverage . . . Had a lot of weight behind every punch . . . Best conditioned of all fighters, and most determined . . . Could stop a man with one punch from either hand but his right was best—Like the perfect right he caught Walcott with in their first fight.

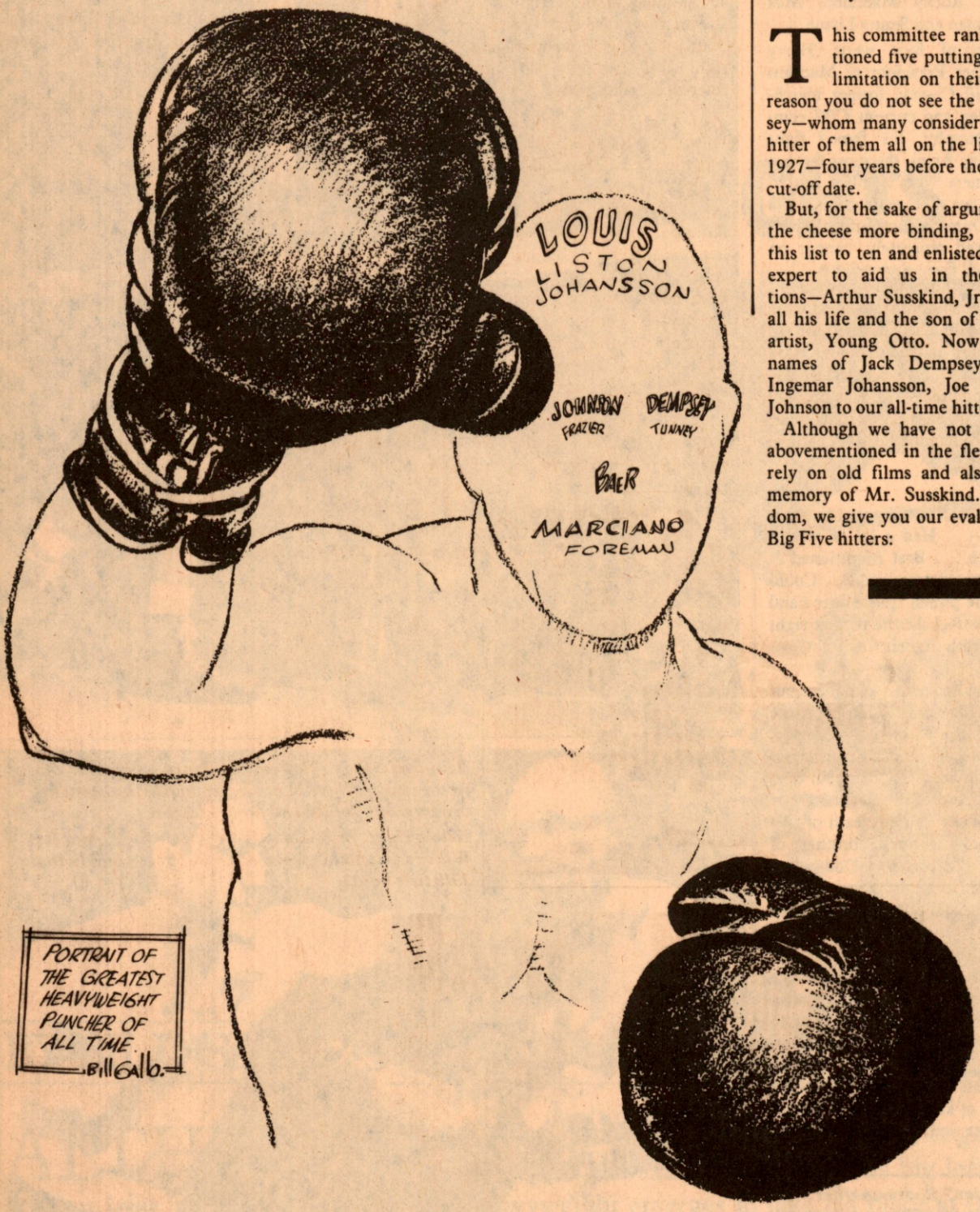
(3) **MAX BAER:** A colorful puncher but could only hit with his right . . . Probably the hardest right hand of all time . . . A harder right hand than Louis or Marciano, but not as accurate . . . Had he been serious about boxing he could've been one of the all-time greats . . . Tremendous power caused death of two opponents—Frankie Campbell, brother of Dolph Camilli, the old Brooklyn Dodger 1st baseman, and Ernie Schaff, who was given a beating by Baer just before his fatal fight with Primo Carnera . . .

(4) **GEORGE FOREMAN:** At his peak in the first Fraizer fight, didn't show anything after . . . Strong puncher with the right but had to wind-up . . . Couldn't hit a moving target . . . Had habit of wearing out in a fight—remember his fight with Ali?—but showed some signs of knowing how to punch . . . When he beat you, he beat you with brute strength . . .





One "Heavy-Hitter" floors another. Max Baer KO'd Primo Carnera in the 11th (opposite). Above right: Conn falls in the wake of a Louis right hand. Below right: Marciano's "good leverage" demonstrated on Jersey Joe Walcott's face.



(5) **SONNY LISTON** A clubber . . . Good puncher with both hands but short on boxing ability . . . A plodding type who would hurt you with the weight of the punch but not the snap . . . A mauling type sometimes effective with his style . . .

This committee ranked the aforementioned five putting a "last 50 years" limitation on their selections, one reason you do not see the name Jack Dempsey—whom many consider to be the hardest hitter of them all on the list. Jack retired in 1927—four years before the "Magic" 50-year cut-off date.

But, for the sake of argument, and to make the cheese more binding, we have extended this list to ten and enlisted yet another fight expert to aid us in the further evaluations—Arthur Susskind, Jr., a fight historian all his life and the son of the late great KO artist, Young Otto. Now we can add the names of Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Ingemar Johansson, Joe Frazier and Jack Johnson to our all-time hitters list.

Although we have not seen some of the abovementioned in the flesh, we are able to rely on old films and also on the flawless memory of Mr. Susskind. So, here, at random, we give you our evaluation of the next Big Five hitters:

JACK JOHNSON: A fighter who was like a cat . . . Could wallop but liked to toy with his rival for a few rounds before laying him out . . . *Ring Record Book* lists 46 knockouts in about 100 total bouts, but it is believed he had more at the start of his career . . . Johnson was heavyweight champion from 1908 to 1915 when he lost it to big Jess Willard in the famous "sun gets in your eyes" knockout . . . His record also indicates he was the finest defensive heavyweight of all time and certainly the most durable . . . His first ring appearances can be traced to 1897, his last, a three-round exhibition in 1945, at the age of 66 . . .

JACK DEMPSEY: Over and over we have seen the film clips which can be labeled "The slaughter of Jess Willard" . . . What a beating Big Jess took for those three rounds . . . Dempsey had a tremendous right hand which almost won him back the heavyweight title from Gene Tunney in the famous "Long Count" bout in '27 . . . 80 bouts, Dempsey KO'd 49 of his opponents . . . Was probably the most popular of all heavyweight champions, including Muhammad Ali—A popularity that has endured . . .

INGEMAR JOHANSSON: Not too many fights pundits believed in the "thunder and lightning" Johnsson said he possessed in his right hand prior to his first fight with Floyd Patterson . . . But on June 26, 1959, the "thunder and lightning" put Patterson down seven times in three rounds . . . The *Ring Record Book* says that Ingemar had only 28 bouts, winning 17 by knockouts . . . But his right had certainly left its mark. For references, ask Floyd . . .

GENE TUNNEY: To say that Gene Tunney was merely a very good boxer is not telling the whole story . . . Any time his name comes up in discussion with old timers, they put him up there with not only the boxers but the hard hitters as well . . . Look at his record—77 total bouts and 42 knockouts . . . And, he knocked out some good ones—Tom Heeney, Tommy Gibbons, George Carpentier, and, what has long been forgotten, had Dempsey on the seat of his pants in both of their fights.

JOE FRAZIER: A very good left hooker who was able to put Muhammad Ali down in the fifteenth round of their first fight—Not many could do this to the man who possessed one of the best chins in heavyweight history . . . Joe's record shows 36 total bouts with 27 KO's to his credit . . .

And now, fight buffs, experts all, we combine all ten fighters and give you our overall rating, one-to-ten:

JOE LOUIS
JACK DEMPSEY
ROCKY MARCIANO
MAX BAER
JACK JOHNSON
GEORGE FOREMAN
GENE TUNNEY
SONNY LISTON
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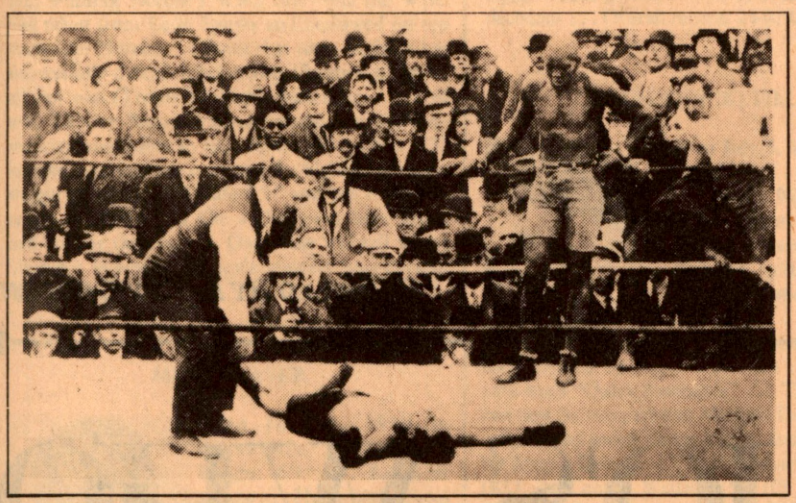
There you have it.

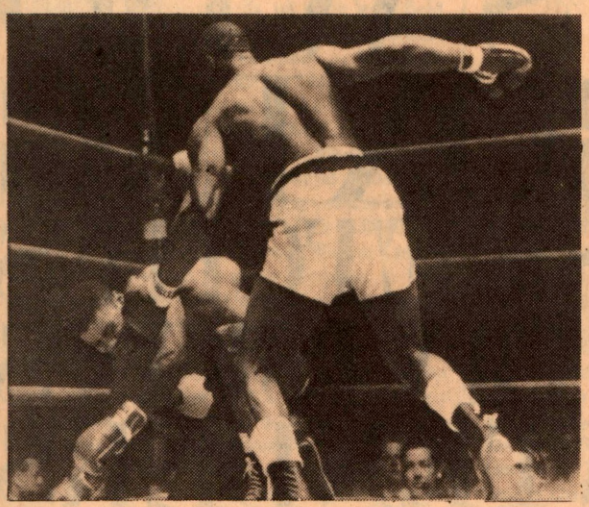
What's *your* ranking of the Hardest-Hitting Heavyweights?

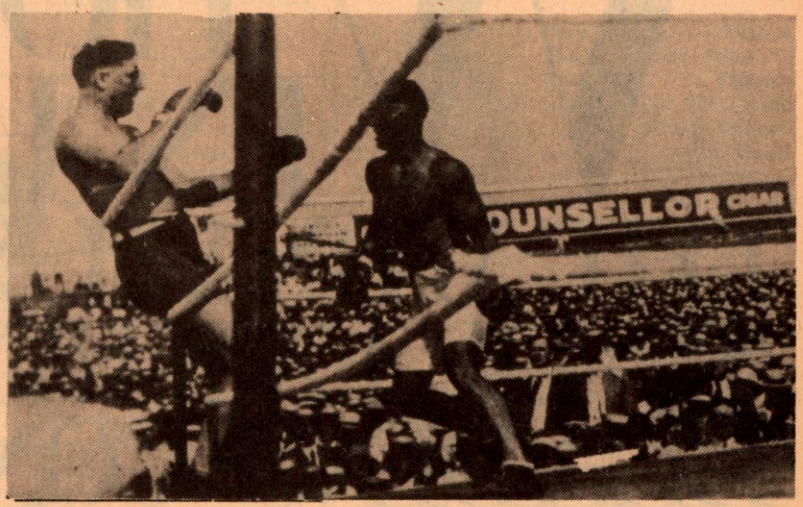


Left: Stanley Ketchel's position is proof of Jack Johnson's punching power. Johnson won the heavyweight title with this 12th round KO.

Below left: Floyd Patterson hits the canvas for the first of three times in his losing battle to regain his crown from "clubber" Sonny Liston.

Below right: Jack Dempsey's "mule kick" had Jess Willard in trouble from the very first round in their 1919 title bout.





IN THE long and sometimes illustrious history of boxing there has never been anything published which could even remotely qualify as a "Who's Who." In fact, most of the biographical information, even then sketchy, could qualify more as a "Who's He?" than a "Who's Who." ¶ This year, for the first time, THE RING has compiled the biographical sketches of *all* the leading contenders in *every* one of the twelve traditional categories, much as "Who's Who in America" has been doing since 1899. It is our intention, as it was theirs, to present a readily available store of life and career data on the noteworthy fighters in the field, fleshing out their inanimate statistics and giving every biographee a three-dimensional life history. In this manner RING will be able to chronicle the performances of each and every important fighter whose record makes him a subject of widespread interest. And, provide a service to fan and press alike. ¶ Each and every year, from this first edition of "Boxing's Who's Who", we will update each fighter's biography and make them come to life just as they have made boxing come to life because of their contributions to the sport.

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WHO'S WHO IN BOXING®

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF EVERY DIVISION'S LEADING CONTENDERS

HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION

LARRY HOLMES

Born on November 3, 1949, in Cuthbert, Georgia . . . Had 19-3 amateur record . . . Two of the losses were to hard-hitting southpaw Nick Wells and Duane Bobick in the 1972 Olympic Trials . . . Turned professional in March, 1973 with a four-round decision against Rodell Dupree . . . Got his big break on March 25, 1978, when he shut out Earnie Shavers over 12 rounds . . . On June 9, 1978, Holmes won a 15-round decision against Ken Norton, winning Norton's WBC title—one the WBC had taken from Leon Spinks and bestowed on top contender Norton . . . Since that time, Holmes has successfully defended his crown 10 times, stopping all but one (Trevor Berbick) challenger . . . Tied with Tommy Burns for the divisional record of consecutive knockouts in title fights (8) . . . His .737 knockout percentage is among the highest in heavyweight history . . . Stands 6'3" and has a 79-inch reach . . . Has acted like a champion both inside and outside the ring . . . Only time will tell where his place is among history's greatest heavyweight champions.

MIKE WEAVER

Born July 7, 1952 in Gatesville, Texas . . . Height: 6'1" . . . Excellent athlete . . . Holds high school records in track and field, while excelling in football and baseball . . . Joined the Marines in 1969 . . . It was in the service he began boxing . . . Was stopped by Howard "KO" Smith in his pro debut, September 14, 1972 . . . Went to 0-2 the next month, dropping a five-round decision to Smith in a rematch . . . Spent early years as a sparring partner for Ken Norton . . . Don Manuel took over as his manager in 1975, when Weaver's record was 8-6 . . . Stepped in as an opponent in 1978 against young Stan Ward (January) and Leroy Jones (August), losing close, 12-round decisions to both . . . Stopped Ward in a rematch one year later . . . Was "Mike Who?" when given a title shot against Larry Holmes in June, 1979 . . . Fought galliantly before being stopped in the 12th round . . . Two subsequent victories catapulted Weaver into a title fight against WBA champion John Tate . . . A single left hook to the chin made Weaver a champion with less than one minute remaining in the fight . . . Has fought only once since then, stopping Gerrie Coetzee in the 13th round on October 25, 1980 . . . Overall record: 23-9, 16 knockouts.

GERRY COONEY

Born August 24, 1956 . . . Resident of Huntington, Long Island, New York . . . Won 55 of 57 amateur fights and two New York Golden Gloves titles . . . Stands 6'6" and has 81-inch reach . . . Possesses the most gifted left since Loe Louis . . . Can jab with awesome power or throw hooks and uppercuts that leave marks, open cuts and break ribs when they land . . . His right is perhaps the most underrated punch in the heavyweight division . . . Co-managed by Michael R. Jones and Dennis Rappaport . . . Trained by Victor Valle . . . Fastest knockout came on January 14, 1978 against Terry Lee Kidd, who was counted out at :20 of the first round after being nailed by a double hook from "Gentleman Gerry" . . . Has eight first-round knockouts . . . Farthest he has gone in a fight is eight rounds (twice) . . . In both he won lopsided decisions . . . Overall record: 25-0, 21 knockouts.

JAMES (QUICK) TILLIS

Born July 5, 1957, in Tulsa, Oklahoma . . . Height: 6'1" . . . Won 92 out of 100 amateur fights . . . One of the amateur losses was to John Tate by split decision . . . Enjoys the sport of "Bronco Busting" . . . Managed by a group of Chicago businessmen, headed by James Kaulentis . . . The group calls itself "Quick Associates" . . . Tillis' fight style can best be compared to Michael Dokes . . . Quick reflexes and speed are his biggest assets . . . Trained by Angelo Dundee . . . Best victories: Ron Stander (KO 7), Cookie Wallace (W 10) and Domingo D'Elia (KO 4) . . . Overall record: 20-0, 16 knockouts.

LEON SPINKS

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 11, 1953 . . . Raised in the ghettos of the Pruitt-Igoe housing project . . . To protect himself, learned to box at 13 . . . Entered his first amateur tournament at 15, as a bantamweight . . . Joined Marines after dropping out of school in the 10th grade . . . Took boxing seriously in the Marines . . . Grew into full light heavyweight . . . Won bronze medal in World Games in 1974, a silver medal in the Pan American Games in 1975 and National AAU light heavyweight championships in 1975 and 1976 . . . U.S. light heavyweight representative at the 1976 Olympics . . . Reached the finals with four decisions and a first round knockout . . . For the gold medal, stopped Cuba's experienced Sixto Soria in the third round . . . Overall, had 178-7 amateur record, including 133 knockouts . . . Made pro debut on January 15, 1977, stopping Bob Smith in round five . . . In his 13th month as a pro and after seven fights, of which he won six and drew in one, Spinks was given a title shot at Muhammad Ali . . . Beat Ali on a split decision, February 15, 1978 . . . Ali regained title seven months later . . . In his next outing (June, 1979), was stopped in the first round by Gerrie Coetzee . . . Took remainder of 1979 off . . . Returned in 1980 with three kayo victories and one draw . . . Challenged Larry Holmes for the world title on June 12, 1981 and was stopped in the third round . . . At 6"1½", 200 pounds, Spinks now believes he is too small to fight as a heavyweight . . . Will probably move into cruiserweight division his next fight . . . Should do quite well in that class . . . Overall record: 10-3-2, 8 knockouts.

MICHAEL DOKES

Born August 10, 1958 . . . Height: 6'2" . . . Grew up in Akron, Ohio . . . Had amateur record of 147-7 . . . One of his hobbies is gourmet cooking . . . At 16, dropped a split-decision to Teofilo Stevenson, the three-time Cuban Olympic champion . . . Owns two amateur victories over John Tate, as well as amateur wins over Greg Page and Marvin Stinson . . . In late 1975, lost a close decision to Leon Spinks . . . The loss to Spinks soured him on AAU policy, and he turned pro in January, 1976 . . . His third-round knockout of John L. Gardner last June 12 upped his record to 22-0, including 10 knockouts . . . Fastest heavyweight in the division . . . Fights solely for promoter Don King . . . Is King's heir apparent to Larry Holmes . . . Managed by Carl King.

GERRIE COETZEE

Born August 4, 1955, in Boksburg, South Africa . . . Height: 6'3" . . . Fighting weight around 225 pounds . . . Had 201-2 amateur record . . . A world-wide boycott of South Africa probably cost Coetzee (pronounced Coat-sea-ah) a shot at Teofilo Stevenson in the 1972 Olympics . . . Turned pro in 1974 . . . Has straight-up European style, hard left jab, potent right cross and fast feet . . . A former dental technician, Coetzee used to say, "I make teeth by day and knock them out at night" . . . Suffered a severe break of the right hand during a fight against Mike Schutte in 1977 . . . Underwent surgery on the right hand to fuse several bones together . . . Biggest win came against Leon Spinks, who was stopped in 123 seconds of the opening round in June, 1979 . . .

GREG PAGE

Born October 25, 1958 in Louisville, Ky . . . Went to same school as Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. attended nearly 20 years earlier . . . Height: 6'4" . . . Had 90-11 amateur record, including 15 knockouts . . . Is one of the "New Breed" of super heavyweights—big, fast and over 225 pounds . . . Has already fought at over 240 pounds . . . Has 81-inch reach and quick, hard right that is among the best in the division . . . Turned pro in 1979 . . . Was the first of RING's "New Faces" previewed that year . . . Knocked out all seven opponents in 1979 . . . Stretched that mark to nine with two knockouts in early 1980 . . . Had knockout string broken by George Chaplin, who lasted all 10 rounds April 5, 1980 . . . Decision was extremely close . . . Has kayoed all three opponents in 1981 . . . Is exclusively booked by Butch Lewis . . . Has highest knockout percentage in the division (.938) . . . Overall record: 16-0, 15 knockouts.

TREVOR BERBICK

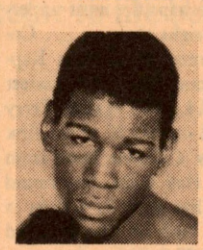
Born in Jamaica, British West Indies . . . Age: 27 . . . Height: 6'2½" . . . Made pro debut in 1976 . . . Won 11 consecutive fights before running into the hard right of Bernardo Mercado on April 3, 1979 and being knocked out in the first round . . . After coming back with a knockout victory the following month, veteran Leroy Caldwell held him to a draw three weeks after that . . . Won all four of his 1980 fights, including a ninth-round knockout of John Tate on the Roberto Duran-Sugar Ray Leonard undercard . . . A victory in early 1981 gave Berbick the chance to play "Rocky", as he was then matched with heavyweight king Larry Holmes . . . Lost a decision to Holmes on April 11, but broke Holmes, consecutive kayo run in title fights, which had stood at eight . . . Recently won British Commonwealth heavyweight crown, stopping Conroy Nelson in round two . . . Managed by Donald Kerr . . . Resides in Halifax, Nova Scotia . . . Should be a top contender for quite awhile.

JOHN TATE

Born in West Memphis, Arkansas, on January 29, 1955 . . . Height: 6'4" . . . Came to Knoxville, Tennessee in 1975 for a Golden Gloves tournament . . . It was there he met Col. Jerry "Ace" Miller . . . The two have been together since . . . Turned pro in 1977 . . . By the end of the year he was 8-0 . . . Won nine more fights in 1978 . . . A February 17, 1979, first-round knockout of Duane Bobick put Tate in line for the WBA eliminations, to find a successor to the retired Muhammad Ali . . . Advanced to the championship fight with an eighth-round stoppage of Kallie Knoetze of June 2 . . . Won the vacant title on October 20, 1979 by decisioning Gerrie Coetzee over 15 rounds . . . In his first defense, was stopped in round 15 by Mike Weaver on March 31, 1980 . . . Came back prematurely, lost too much weight rapidly, and was stopped by Trevor Berbick in the ninth round . . . Took eight months off, then came back last February with a decision over Harvey Steichen . . . Will take another year to rebuild confidence, then look for a major fight . . . It was a hard climb to get to the top . . . It will be even harder getting back.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD



Born in Philadelphia on June 26, 1956 . . . Managed by Bilal Muhammad . . . Toughest, bravest champion in boxing . . . Has a solid chin and the biggest heart in boxing . . . Height: 5'11½" . . . Turned pro in 1974 . . . Lost a decision to Wayne McGee in his seventh fight . . . Drew with McGee three fights later . . . Lost a controversial decision to Marvin Camel in October, 1976, in Missoula, Montana . . . Missoula is Camel's home town . . . Faced Eddie Gregory on March 11, 1977 in a 10-round bout . . . Dropped Gregory in the first round before losing a 10-round split-decision . . . Became an aggressive fighter after that bout . . . The change turned his career around . . . During the next two years, he knocked out many of the top contenders in thrilling fights . . . Included in the group were Marvin Johnson, Billy Douglas, Richie Kates and Yaqui Lopez . . . On April 22, 1979, challenged WBC light heavyweight king Marvin Johnson . . . Halted him in the eighth round of that year's second-best fight . . . Has since made seven successful defenses, the last six ending by knockout . . . Overall record: 30-3-2, 20 knockouts.

MICHAEL SPINKS

Born on July 13, 1956 . . . Height 6'2" . . . Holds promotional contract with Butch Lewis . . . Was one of five U.S. boxers to win a gold medal in the 1976 Olympic Games . . . Turned pro in April, 1977 with a first-round knockout . . . By the end of the year, was already 6-0 . . . Went to 7-0 on the undercard of Muhammad Ali-Leon Spinks I in February, 1978 . . . In trying to keep track of brother Leon, Michael did not fight again for nine months . . . an 11-month absence from the ring followed that as Michael attempted to keep Leon out of trouble . . . Finally returned to action in November, 1979 . . . Won all five fights in 1980 including impressive knockouts of Ramon Ronquillo and Yaqui Lopez . . . Led off 1981 with kayo win against Willie "The Bull" Taylor . . . Scored sensational one-punch knockout of former champion Marvin Johnson on national television last March . . . Took title from Eddie Mustafa Muhammad with a 15-round decision on July 18, 1981 . . . Longest reach in division and brutal power in both fists . . . Can possibly have another Bob Foster-like reign . . . Overall record: 17-0, 11 knockouts.

EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD

Born Eddie Gregory on April 30, 1952 . . . Grew up in Brownsville, Brooklyn . . . Height: 6½" . . . Won two New York Golden Gloves championships as a welterweight . . . Turned pro as a junior middleweight in September, 1972 . . . Fought as a middleweight for three years, until dropping a split-decision to Bennie Briscoe . . . Moved into the light heavyweight division in his next fight . . . Proceeded to win nine consecutive fights, knocking out everybody but a man named Matthew (Saad Muhammad) Franklin, whom he beat on a split-decision . . . On November 20, 1977, lost a close decision to Victor Galindez for the WBA title . . . Won seven consecutive fights before losing a one-sided 12-round decision to James Scott in October, 1978 . . . In 1979, won all six of his contests . . . Given title shot against Marvin Johnson on March 31, 1981 in Knoxville, Tennessee . . . Using his brilliant boxing abilities and awesome power in both hands, won title on an 11th round TKO . . . Made two defenses before losing a non-title fight to unbeaten heavyweight Renaldo Snipes on May 17, 1981 . . . Two months later, lost a decision—and his crown—to Michael Spinks . . . Promises to become the third man to regain the light heavyweight title . . . Overall record: 38-6-1, 32 knockouts.

MURRAY SUTHERLAND

Born on April 10, 1955, in Canada . . . Height: 6' . . . Skilled boxer, fine jab, solid chin . . . Began pro career as a middleweight in 1977 . . . Weakened by making weight, he was halted by Dwight Davison in his fifth pro bout, in April, 1978 . . . Won seven fights after that, including a first-round stoppage of hard-hitting Detroit light heavyweight, Rick Jester . . . Victory run was broken with split-decision loss to Richie Kates . . . Won nine more fights before impressing a nationwide television audience in a gallant but losing effort against Michael Spinks in May, 1980 . . . Included was a 12-round decision victory over talented Pablo Ramos . . . On April 25, 1981, given shot at Matthew Saad Muhammad's world title . . . In a sensational fight, Muhammad halted Sutherland in round 11 . . . Expect Sutherland to fight for the title again within the next year . . . Overall record: 31-4.

JERRY MARTIN

Born in Antigua on November 29, 1953 . . . Began career in 1976 . . . Halted first two opponents in the opening round and three of his first four opponents in round one . . . In his seventh fight, lost a 10-round decision to Pablo Ramos in Ramos' backyard of Cleveland . . . It remained his only loss until being stopped by Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in the 10th round of their WBA light heavyweight title

fight on July 20, 1980 . . . Holds U.S. light heavyweight title by way of a May 25, 1980 decision over James Scott . . . Biggest victories have been over Dale Grant (KO 12, for the vacant NABF light heavyweight title in August, 1979), Jesse Burnett (W 12, to retain that crown, Jerry Celestine (W 8) and Billy Douglas (KO 10) . . . Managed by Leon Tabbs . . . Holds 1981 KO victories against Don Addison and Leon McDonald . . . Overall record: 22-2, 15 knockouts . . . Look for Martin to receive a title shot against Saad Muhammad before the end of 1981.

MARVIN JOHNSON

Born on April 12, 1954 . . . Resides in Indianapolis, Indiana . . . Won the 1972 National Golden Gloves light heavyweight championship . . . As the middleweight representative in the 1972 Olympics, won a bronze medal, being stopped in the semi-finals by Viatchesiav Lemechev of the Soviet Union . . . Turned pro in 1973 . . . Knocked out his first six opponents . . . Took a 15-0 record into a bout for the vacant NABF Light Heavyweight Title against Matthew Franklin in July, 1976 . . . In a sensational, see-saw bout, Franklin stopped Johnson in the 12th round . . . Was given a title shot at WBC champion Mate Parlov in December, 1978 . . . Won the crown with a 10th round knockout . . . Lost the title in his next fight against Matthew Saad Muhammad in April, 1979 . . . The fight, won by Muhammad on an eighth-round knockout, was selected as 1979's "Fight of the Year" . . . Became the second man (Victor Galindez was first) to regain the light heavyweight crown when he stopped Victor Galindez in November 1979 . . . Four months later, lost on an 11th-round TKO to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad . . . In his last outing, was knocked out by Michael Spinks . . . Overall record: 25-5, 19 knockouts.

ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ

Born May 21, 1951 . . . Resides in Stockton, California . . . Managed by his father-in-law, Noe Cruz . . . Height: 6'2" . . . Has been fighting pro since 1972 . . . Lost two of his first 10 fights on decision (to Jesse Burnett and Al Bolden) . . . Reversed the loss to Bolden 10 months later, winning a 10-round decision . . . Lost on decision for the second time to Jesse Burnett in July, 1975 . . . In their rubber match two months later, Lopez won a 12-round decision . . . Received his first title shot on October 9, 1976, vs. John Conteh . . . Dropped a 15-round decision . . . Was stopped on a butt by Lonnie Bennett in April, 1977 . . . Five months later, lost a disputed decision in a challenge for Victor Galindez' WBA championship . . . Rematched with Galindez eight months later, Lopez again lost a close decision . . . Following a 15-round decision against Jesse Burnett in July, 1978, Lopez was stopped by then-Matt Franklin in the 11th round of what had been a brutal fight . . . Beaten by James Scott in December, 1979, for the U.S. title . . . Stopped by Matthew Saad Muhammad on July 13, 1980, in the 10th round of that year's best fight . . . Knocked out three months later by Michael Spinks in rd. 7 . . . Suffered a eighth-round KO last July 24 vs. hard-hitting S.T. Gordon . . . The defeat probably finishes Lopez as a serious contender in either the light heavyweight or cruiserweight division . . . Overall record: 53-12-0, 34 knockouts.

CARLOS DELEON

Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, on May 3, 1959 . . . Managed by "Honest" Bill Daly . . . Solid puncher with both hands . . . Turned pro as a junior welterweight in 1974, shortly after his 15th birthday . . . Fought three times that year in the Virgin Islands, winning all three fights by knockout . . . Stayed active, fighting at least four times a year going into 1980 . . . By that time, he was a full grown light heavyweight who could easily step into another 10 pounds and make them fit comfortably . . . Began his 1980 action with a first-round knockout of Waldemar Paulino . . . Followed that with an eighth-round stoppage of veteran Mario Rosa . . . With a 29-1-1 record, was given a title shot at boxing's first cruiserweight champion, Marvin Camel . . . On the undercard to Leonard-Duran II, DeLeon chopped up Camel, decisioning him and winning the crown . . . Looks to be a leading fighter for years to come.

DWIGHT BRAXTON

Age: 28 . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Brother of junior middleweight Tony Braxton . . . Resides in Camden, New Jersey . . . Nicknamed "The Camden Buzzsaw" because of his whirlwind attack . . . Fights out of an unorthodox crouch that makes it hard for taller fighters to hit him . . . Puts relentless pressure on his opponents . . . His sledgehammer arms were developed by pushing 300-pound iron blocks in a demolition job he used to work at . . . Began career in 1978 . . . After three fights that year, his record stood at 1-1-1 . . . The loss was on decision over six rounds to New York light heavyweight Johnny Davis . . . He avenged the loss last January with a 10-round decision . . . The draw in 1978 was against Leonard Langley . . . That, too, was avenged, with a second-round knockout in May, 1980 . . . The victory over Langley was Braxton's first of four knockout victories on his way to ESPN's national light heavyweight championship . . . In his last fight, kayoed former world champion Mike Rossman in the seventh round . . . Managed by Quenzall McCall . . . Overall record: 14-1-1, 8 knockouts.

JAMES SCOTT

Born October 17, 1947 . . . Height: 6'1" . . . Easiest fighter in the world to reach —lives in Rahway State Maximum Security Penitentiary . . . Began pro career in 1974 in Miami Beach . . . Won all 10 fights that year . . . Fought once in 1975 before taking up permanent residence at Rahway . . . Pounded his way into the world ratings on October 12, 1978, whipping top contender Eddie Gregory via unanimous 12-round decision . . . Won all five of his fights in 1979 . . . Included were victories against Richie Kates (KO 10), Bunny Johnson (KO 7), Jerry Celestine (W 10) and Yaqui Lopez (W 10) . . . The victory against Lopez gave Scott the vacant U.S. light heavyweight title, as recognized by *The Ring* . . . Lost that crown in his next fight, dropping a 10-round decision to Jerry Martin . . . Possibly the finest-conditioned fighter in the world . . . Can do 500 pushups in a half-hour and run around the prison yard for one hour without breathing hard . . . Looking for title fight against Michael Spinks, whom he claims "Is deathly afraid of me" . . . Overall record: 19-1-1, 10 knockouts.

MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION

MARVIN HAGLER

Born in Newark, New Jersey, on May 23, 1952 . . . Moved to Brockton, Massachusetts, when he was 17 . . . Height: 5'9½" . . . Won the National AAU middleweight championship in 1973 . . . Managed by Pat and Goody Petronelli . . . Southpaw . . . Won his first major fight in August, 1974, outpointing Ray Seales over 10 rounds . . . Took a 33-0-1 record into a January, 1976, fight against Bobby Watts in Philadelphia . . . Watts won a hometown decision . . . Two months later, he traveled to Philadelphia again, this time to fight Willie Monroe . . . Again Hagler lost a disputed 10-round decision . . . It was the last time he lost . . . In 26 subsequent fights, he has won 25 and fought to one draw (vs. Vito Antuofermo) . . . Of the 25 victories, 22 were by knockout, including two stoppages of Willie Monroe and quick, dramatic knockout of Bobby Watts on national television . . . After failing to take the title from Antuofermo in November, 1979, he became world champion by halting Alan Minter in the third round, September 27, 1980 . . . Has defended once, stopping Fulgencio Obelmejias in the eighth round . . . Currently in heavy training to defend his title against Syria's Mustafa Hamsho in October . . . Super paydays await him should he get past Hamsho . . . Overall record: 51-2-2, 42 knockouts.

MUSTAFA HAMSHO

Born October 10, 1953 in Syria . . . Managed by Paddy Flood . . . Trained by Al Braverman . . . Formerly fought under the names "Mike Estafire", "Mike Hamsho" and "Rocky Estafire" . . . Southpaw . . . Has made the most from what little boxing ability he has . . . Not extremely fast . . . Throws many roundhouse blows . . . His

face is there to be hit . . . Not a paralyzing puncher . . . Like Vito Antuofermo, however, he gets the job done . . . Will maul and tire his opponent out . . . Extremely strong . . . Solid chin . . . Busy . . . Lone loss came on decision in his first pro fight . . . Error by the Providence, Rhode Island Commission had "Mike Estafire" being knocked out by Roger Phillips on June 26, 1976 . . . For five years that result has been questioned . . . Sufficient evidence has shown Hamsho did indeed win the fight, so from now on it will be listed as such . . . In the last 15 months has won five fights, including victories over Wilford Scypion, Curtis Parker and ex-middleweight king Alan Minter . . . Is in final preparation for his title challenge against Marvin Hagler October 3 . . . Overall record: 31-1-2, 19 knockouts.

DWIGHT DAVISON

Born on March 18, 1955 . . . Height: 6'1" . . . Resides in Detroit, Michigan . . . Managed by Luther Burgess . . . Has powerful right hand . . . Long jab effective, but it could be better . . . Has been doing too much holding and not enough fighting in the last year . . . Became a top contender in late 1980 with back-to-back 10-round decisions against Ray Seales and Curtis Parker . . . After a lackluster victory early in 1981, was outpointed by Robbie Epps . . . Stiffened a stiff in his first fight back . . . In his most recent fight, outpointed Wilford Scypion . . . Overall record: 31-1, 21 knockouts.

ALAN MINTER

Born on August 17, 1951 . . . Height: 5'9" . . . Southpaw . . . Represented England in the 1972 Olympic Games . . . Lost in the semi-finals to the eventual winner, Dieter Kottysch of Germany . . . Turned pro right after the Olympics . . . Managed by Doug Bidwell . . . Won four fights by knockout before 1972 had ended . . . Won British middleweight crown in 1975 and the European title the following year . . . Lost European title to Gratien Tonna in September, 1977, on cuts in the eighth round . . . Stopped Tonna in a return 14 months later . . . Won the world title with a decision against Vito Antuofermo in March, 1980 . . . Successfully defended against Vito in a rematch, then lost on cuts to Marvin Hagler in September, 1980 . . . Fought twice in 1981, outscoring Ernie Singletary and losing on points to Mustafa Hamsho . . . Of his seven career losses, six have been on cut eye stoppages . . . Only Hamsho beat him by decision . . . Overall record: 39-7-1, 23 knockouts.

WILFORD SCYPION

Born on July 18, 1958 . . . Height: 5'11" . . . Amateur Record: 206-11 . . . Co-managed by Michael R. Jones and Howard Parham . . . Trained by Victor Valle . . . Raised in Port Arthur, Texas . . . Now resides in New York . . . A fun-loving guy outside the ring, a fighting machine inside . . . Won first 14 fights by knockout . . . Lone loss came on June 15, 1980, when he was shoved through the ropes by Mustafa Hamsho in the 10th and final round . . . Hurt and unable to continue, Scypion was ruled the loser by disqualification . . . Yearns to face Hamsho in a rematch . . . Hired Victor Valle to train him in early 1981 . . . The difference was seen on NBC-TV last May, when Scypion decisioned Curtis Parker . . . Fast hands, excellent jab . . . One of the division's best combination punchers . . . May have best legs in the division . . . Overall record: 20-2, 18 knockouts.

VITO ANTUOFERMO

Born on February 9, 1953 in Bari, Italy . . . Recently moved to the North Shore of Long Island . . . Height: 5'9" . . . Managed by Tony Carione . . . Least natural talent in the division . . . Biggest heart . . . One of the best conditioned athletes in boxing . . . Wins fights with a swarming, non-stop, relentless attack . . . A pro since 1971, Vito won the world crown by decisioning Hugo Corro in 1979 . . . Made one defense, a controversial draw against Marvin Hagler in November, 1979 . . . Lost the title on a close decision to Alan Minter in March, 1980, then was stopped on cuts in a rematch . . . Plastic surgery above his eyes seems to have curtailed his massive bleeding problem due to punches, but Vito now has the problem of how to get opponents to stop butting him, as the last two have done, opening a total of six facial cuts . . . Overall record: 45-6-2, 19 knockouts.

FULGENCIO OBELMEJIAS

Born outside Caracas, Venezuela, on New Year's Day, 1953 . . . Going into 1981, had a reputation as being the "Bully" of the division . . . Was undefeated in 30 fights . . . He had knocked out 28 of those opponents . . . Between April, 1978 and June, 1980, he had knocked out 19 consecutive opponents . . . Then, on January 17, 1981, he ran into Marvin Hagler, who stopped him in round eight . . . Nothing has been heard from him since . . . At 6'2", one of the world's tallest middleweights . . . Possesses long, hard jab and powerful right cross . . . The only question is, "Where is he hiding?"

FRANK "THE ANIMAL" FLETCHER

Born on May 7, 1954 . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Amateur record: 12-2 . . . Managed by Marty Feldman . . . Trained by the Reverend Alvin Thompson . . . Turned pro in 1976 . . . During his first three years as a pro, compiled a lackluster 4-2-1 record . . . Earned $900 during that time . . . Then came ESPN, the 24-hour-a-day cable network and its championship tournament . . . Fletcher won four consecutive fights, three by knockout, on the way to winning ESPN's middleweight title . . . Following the tournament, Fletcher halted hard-hitting Sammy NeSmith in the third round in one of 1980's top fights . . . Biggest win was an exciting, 10-round victory against previously unbeaten Norberto Sabater last June 14 on NBC-TV . . . Overall record: 12-2-1, 8 knockouts.

ROBBIE EPPS

Born on July 7, 1958 in Greenville, South Carolina . . . Height: 6'2" . . . Now lives in Clovis, New Mexico . . . Amateur record: 101-9 . . . Tough, fast and willing to mix it up, though he relies on an outside attack to win fights . . . Not an explosive hitter . . . Turned pro in 1977 . . . After winning 21 consecutive fights, was beaten on decision by Henry Walker in 1979 . . . Reversed the decision five months later . . . His biggest wins have been over Ted Sanders, Zovek Barajas, Mike Hallacy, Len Harden and Dwight Davison . . . Overall record: 30-1, 15 knockouts.

TONY SIBSON

Born on April 9, 1958 . . . Lives in Leicester, England . . . Turned pro on his 18th birthday . . . Went 9-0 in 1976 and 10-0-1 in 1977 . . . Suffered first loss when world-class light heavyweight Lotte Mwale iced him in the first round, October 23, 1978 . . . Since losing on points to Kevin Finnegan in November, 1979, for the British Middleweight Title, has gone unbeaten in six fights including a seventh-round knockout of Matteo Salvemini for the EBU middleweight title . . . Overall record: 39-3, 23 knockouts.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION

WILFRED BENITEZ

Born September 12, 1958, in The Bronx New York . . . Height: 5'10". Was 15 when he made pro debut in San Juan as a lightweight . . . Told the New York State Athletic Commission he was 18 and received a license . . . Had best year in 1974, when

he was 12-0 with nine knockouts . . . One of the most gifted boxers of all time . . . Rarely trains more than two weeks for any fight . . . Became the youngest champion in history when he defeated Antonio Cervantes for the junior welterweight title in March, 1976 . . . Benitez was 17½ at the time . . . Became the youngest welterweight champion in history when he decisioned Carlos Palomino in January, 1979 . . . Made one successful defense before losing to Sugar Ray Leonard on a 15th-round TKO, November 30, 1979 . .. Won three bouts in 1980 . . . Became the youngest junior middleweight champion in history, when, at 22, he kayoed reigning champion Maurice Hope in the 12th round . . . Co-managed by Jim Jacobs and Bill Cayton . . . Overall record: 40-1-1, 26 Knockouts.

MAURICE HOPE

Born in Antigua on December 6, 1951 . . . Managed by Terry Lawless . . . Southpaw . . . Debuted in 1973 . . . Suffered one of his three career losses (be decision) that initial year . . . Rebounded with eight victories in a row before being stopped by Bunny Sterling in a battle for the Vacant British Middleweight Title . . . Won European Junior Middleweight crown with a 15th-round draw . . . Won his next six bouts in the next 18 months, earning him a title shot against Rocky Mattioli . . . On March 4, 1979, halted Mattioli in round eight for the WBC title . . . Defended successfully against Mike Baker, Mattioli and Carlos Herrera . . . Defended successfully against Mike Baker, Mattioli and Carlos Herrera . . . The fight against Herrera, won on points, was Britain's "Fight of the Year" in 1980 . . . Fought like a champion against Benitez and went out like one . . . Overall recored: 30-3-1, 24 knockouts.

AYUB KALULE

Born on January 6, 1954 in Uganda . . .Height: 5'8" . . . Southpaw . . . Managed by Mogens Palle . . . Won the world-amateur light welterweight championship in 1974 . . . Now a resident of Denmark . . . Turned pro in 1976 . . . Won five fights during the year, all in Copenhagen, his home town . . . Won nine more fights in 1977, including victories over former junior middleweight champions Jose Luis Duran and Elisha Obed . . . In addition to winning 11 fights in 1978, including impressive victories agaisnt Ray Seales and Kevin Finnegan, Kalule captured the British Commonwealth Middleweight Crown with a fourth-round knockout of Al Korovou . . . After adding five more victories onto his record in 1979, was given a shot at the world title against unbeaten champion Masashi Kudo . . . Won the crown via a 15-round decision . . . Made one successful defense that year, decisioning Steve Gregory . . . Followed with successful 1980 defenses against Emiliano Villa (KO 12), Marijan Benes (W 15) and Bushy Bester (W 15) . . . After an early 1981 tuneup fight against Pat Hallacy, Kalule put his title and 36-0 record on the line against Sugar Ray Leonard in Houston . . . In one of the year's top fights, Kalule lost his crown when the referee stopped the fight with one second remaining in the ninth round . . . Still among the elite and class of the division . . . Overall record: 36-1, 18 knockouts.

CARLOS HERRERA

Born Carlos Maria Del Valle Herrera on January 13, 1955 . . . Amateur record: 56-4 . . . Managed by Amilcar Brusa, though the two are now in contractual dispute . . . Lost pro debut by decision in 1974 . . . A tall, lanky boxer/puncher . . . Excellent stamina . . . Has lost twice (1976 & 1978) to junior middleweight contender Walter Gomez . . . Best year 1979, when he was 8-0, including seven knockouts . . . Brought 17 consecutive victories and 11 straight knockouts into a November 25, 1980 title bout vs. Maurice Hope . . . In Britain's "Fight of the Year", Herrera lost a 15-round decision . . . Overall record: 39-5.

TONY AYALA, JR.

Born on February 13, 1963 . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Amateur record: Managed by Shelly Finkel and Lou Duva . . . Trained by his father, Tony Sr. . . . Nicknamed ("Torito", or the "Baby Bull") . . . Aside from Wilfred Benitez and Sugar Ray Leonard, Ayala is *the* man to watch in the division . . . Best way to describe his style is "awesome" . . . A beast in the ring . . . In the division, there might be no left hook or right cross that is more powerful . . . His body attack is next to none . . . Defense must be tightened a bit . . . Chin has been reached . . . Mario Maldonado dropped him in the opening round last March 28 . . . Ayala picked himself off the floor and beat Maldonado up . . . Overall record: 13-0, 11 knockouts.

KENNY BRISTOL

Born in Guyana but is now fistically based in New York . . . Managed by Mike Capriano . . . Won a silver medal in the Pan American Games in 1975 . . . A converted southpaw who own a hard left jab and a powerful left hook . . . Turned professional in 1976 . . . Won his first six fights on decision before dropping a dispute decision against Scorpion Ofosu, in Ofosu's hometown . . . Lost only one other fight, that in early 1981, a close decision to Wayne Caplette in an over-the-weight match . . . Won the British Commonwealth Junior Middleweight Title by beating Pat Thomas on points over 15 rounds in 1970 . . . Has since defended the title against Eddie Marcelle and Scorpion Ofosu in a rematch, winning both fights . . . Overall record: 16-2, 1 knockout.

WALTER GOMEZ

Born in Bernasconi, La Pampa, Argentina, on March 25, 1953 . . . Represented Argentina as a light welterweight in the 1972 Olympic Games . . . Lost a decision in the second round of fights . . . That was the only amateur fight he lost out of 41 . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Southpaw . . . Fine boxer . . . has power, though not a knockout hitter . . . Has lost twice to Ramon Perez, finally beating him in a rubber match . . . Was also outpointed by Patricio Diaz and stopped on a cut eye by Carlos Gimenez . . . Avenged the defeat to Diaz, stopping him in the sixth round in 1980 . . . That victory retained his South American junior middleweight crown, which he won in August, 1980 . . . Biggest win is a knockout of Carlos Herrera . . . Overall record: 44-4-1, 29 knockouts.

CHARLIE WEIR

Born on November 26, 1956 . . . Resides in Kimberley, South Africa . . . Nicknamed the "Silver Assassin" because of the natural silver lock of hair on his head and because of his tremendous punching power . . . Turned pro in 1977 . . . In only his third fight, knocked out highly-regarded Bushy Bester in the opening round, his third consecutive first-round stoppage . . . Halted by Joseph Hali in his eight fight . . . Hali fell in round two of their rematch . . . Lost one other fight, an eight-round stoppage at the hands of Elijah Makhathini . . . Biggest victories were over Kevin Finnegan (KO 7), Mike Colbert (W 10) and Mike Baker (W Dis. 5) . . . After the April, 1979 loss to Makhathini, Weir took 10 months off . . . Came back in February, 1980, with the announcement he would only campaign as a junior middleweight . . . Won all six fights by knockout . . . Most recently stopped Tyrone Rackley . . . Overall record: 25-2, 22 knockouts.

NINO GONZALEZ

Born on April 19, 1959 . . . Lives in Bayonne, New Jersey . . . Amateur recored: 55-8 . . . Height: 5'8" . . . Began his pro career as a junior welterweight in 1978 . . . Went to 13-0 before losing on a 10-round decision to Steve Delgado in February, 1980 . . . More than avenged that defeat by stopping Delgado last April in New York . . . Excellent stamina . . . Respectable power, though not known as a power puncher . . . Slow starter . . . Gary Coates had him down in the first round . . . Nino came back to whip Coates . . . Biggest wins were over Delgado, Luis Resto (KO 9), Rusty Rosenberger (W 10) and Greg Netter (KO 3). . . Impressed in his loss to Roberto Duran. . . Overall record: 24-2, 13 knockouts.

RALPH "ROCKY" FRATTO, JR.

Born on October 29, 1958 . . . Height: 5'9" . . . Amateur record: 73-3, 26 knockouts . . . Orthodox style . . . While in the U.S. Army in 1976, won the All-Army and All-Service titles . . . Turned pro in 1976, while on leave . . . Managed by Tony Graziano and his father, Ralph Fratto, Sr. . . . Trained by Billy Harris . . . Has fought nerly

all his fights in or around his hometown of Syracuse . . . Has a style comparable to that of former middleweight king Nino Benvenuti . . . Owns a superb left jab . . . Biggest win came early in 1980 when he outpointed Rocky Mosley . . . Overall recored: 24-0, 8 knockouts.

WELTERWEIGHT DIVISION

SUGAR RAY LEONARD

Boxing's biggest attraction was born Ray Charles Leonard on May 17, 1956 in Wilmington, North Carolina . . . Began fighting as an amateur at 14 . . . Won 145 out of 150 amateur bouts, knocking out 75 opponents . . . Won a gold medal at the Pan American Games in 1975 . . . Beat Cuban veteran Andres Aldama for the 140-pound title at the Olympic Games in 1976 . . . Height: 5'10" . . . Reach: 74" . . . Turned pro in February, 1977 . . . Won six fights that first year . . . Added 11 more victories the following year, and nine more in 1979 . . . Biggest victories are against Armando Muniz (KO 6), Adolfo Viruet (W 10), Marcos Geraldo (W 10), Tony Chiaverini (KO 4), Pete Ranzany (KO 4), Andy Price (KO 1), Wilfred Benitez (KO 15 for the world welterweight title), Roberto Duran (KO 8 to regain the title) and Ayub Kalule (KO 9 for the world junior middleweight title) . . . Will virtually own the boxing world if he gets past Thomas Hearns in "The Showdown" on September 16 . . . Overall record: 30-1, 21 knockouts.

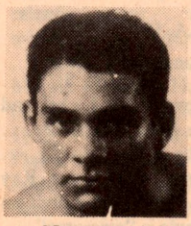
THOMAS HEARNS

Born on October 18, 1958 . . . Height: 6'1" . . . Reach: 78" . . . Resides in Detroit, Michigan . . . Nicknames: "The Motor City Cobra" and "Hit Man" . . . Amateur record: 155-8, 12 knockouts . . . Turned pro in 1977 . . . Learned the art of leverage and locking the arm after a punch . . . The result is the best knockout percentage in the history of the welterweight division . . . Kayoed his first 17 opponents, the best start of any welterweight champion . . . Won the crown in August, 1980 with a second-round knockout of Pipino Cuevas . . . Defended the crown three times in 10 months . . . Can do everything inside a ring . . . At this stage, appears to be a near-flawless fighter . . . Overall record: 32-0, 30 knockouts.

PIPINO CUEVAS

Born on December 27, 1957 in Mexico City, Mexico . . . Managed by Lupe Sanchez . . . Debuted in 1972, days after his 14th birthday . . . Through 1973 he fought 10 times, winning six, losing four . . . All the victories were by knockout . . . His "gift" for losing a 10-round decision to Andy Price in 1976 was a title shot against WBA welterweight king Angel Espada one month later . . . Cuevas knocked out Espada in round two . . . Made 11 successful defenses before losing to Hearns . . . The 10 title defense knockouts are a divisional record, as are his eight consecutive knockouts in title defenses . . . Has knocked out Bernardo Prada (second round) and Jorgen Hansen (first round) in 1981 . . . Looks to be as pulverizing as ever . . . Overall record: 29-6, 26 knockouts.

ROBERTO DURAN



Born on June 16, 1951, outside Panama City, Panama . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Managed by Carlos Eleta . . . From the ghettos of Panama he came to become a legend among lightweight champions . . . Won the title from Ken Buchanan in June, 1972 . . . Never lost it . . . Among his divisional records as a lightweight champion are: Most title defenses (12); Most consecutive knockouts in title defenses (10); Most knockouts in title defenses (11); and longest reign as champion (five years, seven months) . . . Fine welterweight, but not as devastating as he was as a lightweight . . . His two biggest welterweight victories were over Carlos Palomino and Sugar Ray Leonard, from whom he won the title on decision, June 20, 1980 . . . Vastly underrated as a boxer . . . Overall record: 73-2, 56 knockouts.

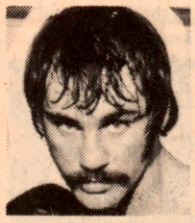
RANDY SHIELDS

Born November 27, 1955 . . . Resides in North Hollywood, California . . . Managed by Sonny Shields . . . Among his amateur accomplishments was a National Golden Gloves title in 1973 . . . Height: 5'11" . . . Began pro career in 1973 as a lightweight . . . Won his first 26 fights before being stopped on a cut eye by then-highly-rated Vicente Saldivar . . . Lost a close decision to Saldivar less than three months later . . . Shields is the only common opponent of Thomas Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard . . . Hearns stopped him in round 13, Leonard decisioned him . . . Has also fought Pete Ranzany, Wilfred Benitez, Babs McCarthy and Pipino Cuevas . . . Became the only man to go the distance with Cuevas in a title fight when he lost a 15-round decision in July, 1979 . . . Overall record: 38-7-1, 20 knockouts.

BRUCE FINCH

Born in Milwaukee in 1954 . . . Managed by Bill Braggs . . . Over-matched early in his career, he suffered stoppage losses to Pete Ranzany, Larry Bonds and Thomas Hearns . . . Those remain as the only three defeats on his record . . . Carries respectable power in both fists . . . Improving as a boxer every time out . . . Overall record: 19-3-1, 14 knockouts.

PETE RANZANY



Born on April 6, 1952 . . . Lives in North Hollywood, California . . . Holds an amateur victory over former welterweight king Carlos Palomino . . . Turned pro at 20 . . . Lost only one of his first 36 fights, a decision to Jimmy Jackson, whom he had beaten earlier . . . Kayoed Jackson exactly six months later . . . Suffered his second loss when he was stopped on an eye cut by Armando Muniz in 1977 . . . Worst night of his career came when he was blasted out in the second round by Pipino Cuevas in their 1978 title fight . . . Has since lost twice, but only to the best . . . Sugar Ray Leonard stopped him in 1979, while Wilfred Benitez decisioned him last December . . . Owns wins over such talented fighters as Babs McCarthy, Pepe Dominquez, Clyde Gray, Sal Lopez, Ray Hammond, Adolfo Viruet, Rafael Rodriguez and Jimmy Heair . . . Overall record: 52-5-1, 30 knockouts.

ADOLFO VIRUET

Born on January 29, 1952 . . . Height: 5'8½" . . . Younger brother of perennial lightweight contender Edwin Viruet . . . Southpaw . . . Turned pro in 1969 after winning a New York Golden Gloves championship . . . Fought as a junior welterweight for much of his career . . . Took 13-0 record to Sacramento in 1976 and lost a 10-round decision to Pete Ranzany . . . Did not fight for another year, when he dropped another decision, this time to veteran Rudy Barro . . . Since that time 4½ years ago, has only fought seven times, losing twice and drawing in another . . . Has been down only once in his career, that time in a losing fight to Sugar Ray Leonard in 1979 . . . Has never fought more than twice in any year, except in 1970, when he fought three times . . . In 12 years as a pro, he has fought only 22 times . . . Overall record: 17-4-1, 5 knockouts.

MILTON MC CRORY

Born on February 7, 1962 . . . Height: 6'1" . . . Amateur record: 105-15, 30 knockouts . . . Managed by Emanuel Steward . . . One of the brightest young stars of the Kronk Boxing Team . . . Chief sparring partner for Thomas Hearns . . . Some of their sparring sessions are rougher than real fights . . . Sets up his right hand knockout blow with a Hearns-like left . . . Steward says that McCrory hits harder than Hearns . . . The heir-apparent to the welterweight crown . . . A battle against Pipino Cuevas awaits him first . . . Overall record: 15-0, 15 knockouts.

ROGER STAFFORD

Lives in Philadelphia . . . Debuted in 1977 . . . Has lost twice on decision—to Al Fletcher (1978) and Bernard Peterson (1980) . . . Has turned into a world-class welterweight in 1981 . . . In 1981 has defeated Kenny Croom and Kevin Howard (twice) . . . All three were exciting bouts . . . Owns one of the best jabs in the division . . . Has extremely solid chin . . . Knows how to use the entirety of the ring . . . Overall record: 15-2-1, 7 knockouts.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT DIVISION

AARON PRYOR

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 20, 1955 . . . Height: 5'6½" . . . Amateur Record: 204-16 . . . Managed by: Buddy LaRosa . . . After his goal of making the 1976 U.S. Olympic team fell short with dual losses to Howard Davis, Jr., Pryor turned pro in November, 1976 . . . Halted his opponent in round two . . . Stopped his next four foes before iron-chinned Jose Resto lasted the eight-round distance . . . Two fights later, another human punching-bag-Johnny Summerhays-soaked up leather for eight rounds, refusing to fall . . . He was the last man to go the distance against Pryor . . . Since then, Pryor has knocked out 20 consecutive opponents . . . On August 2, 1980, faced Antonio Cervantes for the junior welterweight title . . . Down in the first, Pryor stormed back to stop Cervantes in the fourth round . . . Has since made two successful defenses . . . Has best knockout percentage in the history of the junior welterweight division (.929) . . . Overall record: 28-0, 26 knockouts.

SAOUL MAMBY

Born on June 4, 1947 . . . Height: 5'10" . . . Managed by Carl King . . . Began career in 1969 . . . Fought strictly as a club fighter until 1976, when he main-evented in Madison Square Garden against Harold Weston, Jr. . . . At that time, his record was 18-8-4, including eight knockouts . . . Drew with Weston . . . In his next fight, Mamby lsot a 10-round decision ot Roberto Duran . . . Six months later, droped a close decision to Antonio Cervates in Maracay, Colombia . . . Lost another close decision six months later, this time to Adriano Marrero in Marrero's hometown . . . Following that he was given a title shot against Saensak Muangsurin in Thailand . . . In front of 80,000 fans, Mamby was robbed of the decision . . . Even the local papers stated that fact . . . Mamby's record fell to 20-12-5 . . . Although Mamby was losing, he was looking like a winner . . . Six consecutive victories sent Mamby to Seoul, Korea, to face WBC title-holder Sang-Hyun Kim . . . A powerful right hand in the 14th round made Mamby a champion . . Has since made three successful defenses, stopping Esteban DeJesus in the 13th round, and decisioning Termite Watkins and Jo Kimpuani . . . His next defense is slated to be against Thomas Americo . . . Overall record: 30-12-5, 14 knockouts.

JO KIMPUANI

Born in Luzubi, Zaire, on October 10, 1949 . . . Resides in France . . . A fair boxer but a better puncher . . . Began his professional career in 1971 . . . Won 38 of his first 39 fights, losing in his fight bout to Franz Meganck on a cut eye . . . Fight #40 was a title shot against Saensak Muangsurin, who stopped him in round 14 . . . Won 17 more in a row before given another title shot . . . On June 12, 1981, lost a 15-round decision to Saoul Mamby . . . Overall record: 55-3, 36 knockouts.

DUJUAN JOHNSON

Born on December 16, 1069 . . . Height: 5'9" . . . Resides in Detroit, Michigan . . . Amateur Record: 107-17 . . . Nickname: "Mr. Excitement" . . . Managed by Emanuel Steward . . . Two-time Michigan State AAU champion . . . Speed and ring generalship are his two biggest assets . . . Member of the Kronk Boxing Team . . . Can punch solidly with either hand . . . Biggest win a narrow victory over Miguel Montilla last December . . . Overall record: 15-0, 11 knockouts.

MIGUEL MONTILLA

Born in the Dominican Republic in 1952 . . . Began his pro career at 19 as a lightweight in Tampa, Florida . . . Split a pair of fights with Alfredo Escalera . . . Decisioned the junior lightweight great in March, 1973, and was stopped by him four months later . . . Lost a 12-round decision to Hector Medina in February, 1974 . . . Won his next 17 fights . . . 15 by knockouts, to earn a shot at Antonio Cervantes' world junior welterweight title in January, 1979 . . . Before a large crown in Madison Square Garden, Montilla dropped a 15-round decision . . . Fought Cervantes again 14 months later . . . It wasn't his night as Cervantes knocked him out in the seventh round . . . Just when it looked like he was finished, Montilla stopped top-rated Domingo Ayala in Madison Square Garden last May 11 . . . Overall record: 33-6-2, 24 knockouts.

DOMINGO AYALA

Born in Puerto Rico . . . Began his career in 1977 . . . Not one of the most skilled boxers in the division, but probably the most lethal single shot hook among the 140-pounders . . appears to be lacking . . . Biggest victory a ninth-round knockout of Bruce Curry . . . Lost on controversial stoppage to Miguel Montilla last May 11 . . . Overall record: 13-2-1, 9 knockouts.

MONROE BROOKS

Born on May 9, 1953 . . . Resides in Los Angeles . . . Began his career in September, 1973 . . . Within the next 15 months he was 15-0-2 . . . Has lost only five fights, all to men who were or are currently world-ranked . . . Was victimized in Mexicali in 1974, losing a 10-round decision . . . Also lost a 12-round call to Adolfo Viruet in 1975 . . . Lost his other three fights on stoppages—to Saensak Muangsurin in 1977 (for the WBC junior welterweight title); to Bruce Curry in a sensatioanl televised fight (April, 1978); and to Roberto Duran in December, 1978 . . . Won six fights in 1980, all but one by knockout . . . Looks as good as ever . . . Hard puncher with both hands . . . Defense has never been leatherproof . . . Overall record: 46-5-3, 33 knockouts.

BRUCE CURRY

Born in Marlin, Texas, on March 26, 1956 . . . Resides in Ft. Worth, Texas . . . Formerly managed by Jesse Reid, now managed by Bill Baxter . . . Began his career in September, 1976 . . . Had six fights—winning them all— within three months . . Was 14-0 when he faced Wilfred Benitez in Madison Square Garden . . . Stunned the boxing world by dropping Benitez twice, nearly knocking himi out, only to lose a decision . . . In a rematch three months later, lost anothêr decision to Curry . . . Lost back-to-back fights to Domingo Ayala and Adolfo Viruet in 1978 . . . Has continually climbed back and forth from junior welterweight to welterweight contender Willie Rodriquez in the 12th round in April, fought Thomas Hearns . . . Cut Hearns early in the first round, only to have Hearns knock him out in round three . . . Was recently stopped by Steve Hearon. . . Won four fights in 1980, including an 11th-round stoppage of Greg Stephens for the NABF welterweight title . . . Overall record: 26-7-0, 14 knockouts.

WILLIE RODRIGUEZ

Age: 26 . . . Managed by John Florio . . . Good ring technician . . . Excellent jab . . . Uses both hands well . . . Admittedly not a knockout puncher . . . Turned professional in 1975 . . . Lost a close decision in the fifth fight to slippery veteran Rufus Miller . . . Won his next six fights over the following 13 months before becoming Sugar Ray Leonard's second professional victim . . . Leonard beat Rodriguez on a six-round decision, but not before Rodriguez nearly dropped him in the second round with a hard right on the jaw . . . Six fights and 16 months later, Rodriguez lost a hotly-disputed decision to Charlie Nash in London . . . Another Terrible decision followed, as Rodriguez lost to Nkosana Mgxaji in Capetown, South Africa . . . Lost once in six bouts in 1979 (to Bruce Curry) and once in three 1980 bouts (on a cut eye to Ernest Bing) . . . Also dropped a close 12-round decision to Leroy Haley in early 1981 . . . Came back with an impressive

fifth-round knockout of Hawaii's hot Mark Ibanez . . . Overall record: 24-7-0, 8 knockouts.

JOHNNY BUMPHUS

Born August 17, 1960 . . . Height: 6'¼" . . . Amateur record: 341-16 . . . Owns more amateur titles than any fighter in history . . . Light welterweight gold medalsit in the 1980 Olympic Trials . . . Co-managed by Shelly Finkel and Lou Duva . . . Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee . . . Nickname: "Bump City" . . . Brightest talent in the division . . . A pro less than one year, already among the top-12 in the world . . . Southpaw . . . Not a paralyzing hitter, but throws punches in bunches . . . A sharpshooter . . . Can throw any punch effortlessly . . . A defensive wizard . . . Solid chin . . . Always in prime condition . . . Overall record: 10-0, 8 knockouts.

LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION

SEAN O'GRADY

Born on February 10, 1959, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma . . . Began boxing at the age of 12 . . . Made his pro debut at 15 with a first round knockout . . . Holds the record among lightweight champions for: Consecutive knockouts at the beginning of his career (9); Most first-round knockouts (23); Most consecutive victories (43); Most consecutive knockouts (18); and most consecutive first-round knockouts (5) . . . Two losses came against Danny Lopez in 1976 (fifth-round stoppage) and Jim Watt in 1980 (12th round stoppage due to a butt) . . . Won the title on April 12, 1981 from Hilmer Kenty on a 15-round decision in a sensational brawl, one of the greatest lightweight title bouts ever . . . Overall record: 72-2, 64 knockouts.

ALEXIS ARGUELLO

Born in Managua, Nicaragua, on April 19, 1952 . . . Height: 5'10' . . . One of the greatest fighters of all time . . . Began his career in 1968 . . . Lost fourth fight on a six-round decision . . . Won his next 20 fights before being stopped on a cut against Jorge Reyes in 1972 . . . A 12-bout unbeaten streak then put the 21-year-old Arguello in with WBA featherweight king Ernesto Marcel, who decisioned the challenger . . . Arguello was not to lose again until he was outboxed over 10 rounds by Vilomar Fernandez four years and 26 fights later . . . Arguello won the WBA featherweight title by halting Ruben Olivares in the 13th round, November 23, 1974 . . . Put his featherweight crown on the line four times before giving it up due to weight-making problems in 1977 . . . Won the WBC junior lightweight crown on January 28, 1978, from Alfredo Escalera in a sensational fight, halting him in round 13 . . . Made eight successful defenses before moving into the lightweight class in 1980 . . . Became lightweight champion with a one-sided decision against Jim Watt on June 20, 1981 . . . Is 15-1 in world title fights . . . Now lives in Coral Gables, Florida . . . Overall record: 70-4, 56 knockouts.

RODOLFO "GATO" GONZALEZ

Born June 2, 1959 . . . Height: 5'8½" . . . Amateur Record: 65-5, 50 knockouts . . . From Mexico's "barrios" comes one of boxing's most exciting young fighters . . . Explosive hitter, especially with the right . . . No defensive wizard, however . . . His chin is there to be hit . . . In his last fight, Andy Ganigan dropped him twice before losing a decision to "Gato" . . . Was also on the floor against Celso Limon and Jose "Dinamita" Hernandez . . . Earlier in 1980, accomplished his greatest moment as a pro, stopping veteran Vilomar Fernandez in round two . . . Overall record: 18-0-1, 16 knockouts.

ERNESTO ESPANA

November 7, 1954 . . . Turned pro in 1975 . . . Had put together a 24-1 (21 KO's) record, including the last 10 victories by way of knockout, when Roberto Duran vacated the lightweight championship . . . Espana was selected by the WBA to face Claude Noel for their version of the vacated title . . . On June 16, 1979, Espana stopped Noel in the 13th round for the title . . . Made one successful defense (against Johnny Lira) before losing on a ninth-round stoppage to Hilmer Kenty in March, 1980 . . . In a return, Espana couldn't keep his face off the end of Kenty's gloves, and was halted in the fourth round . . . Reports from Venezuela claim that Espana has returned with four or five victories . . . Until these victories are confirmed, Espana will be listed as having 29 fights, winning 26, losing three and knocking out 23 opponents.

CLAUDE NOEL

Born in August, 1949 . . . Lives in Trinidad . . . Trained by Chuck Talahami . . . Managed by Richard Farah . . . Hard hitter with both hands . . . Frequently trains in Chris Dundee's Fifth Street Gym in Miami . . . Began pro career in 1973 . . . Knocked out his first six opponents . . . Suffered two 10th-round stoppages to Lennox Blackmoore in 1979 . . . Lack of conditioning led to both defeats . . . Twelve consecutive victories matched him with Ernesto Espana for Roberto Duran's vacated title in June, 1979 . . . Espana won crown with a 13th-round knockout in a thrilling fight . . . Noel has not lost since, winning five bouts two by knockout . . . Will soon challenge Sean O'Grady for the WBA crown . . . Overall record: 24-3, 16 knockouts.

HOWARD DAVIS, JR.

Born February 14, 1956 . . . Became interested in boxing in 1970, after seeing movie "Cassius Clay, a.k.a. Muhammad Ali" . . . Began boxing in 1972 as a bantamweight . . . The following year won the first of his record four consecutive New York Golden Gloves championships . . . Owns two amateur victories over Aaron Pryor and another over Thomas Hearns . . . 1976 Olympic Games lightweight gold medalist . . . Edged Sugar Ray Leonard and Teo Stevenson for the 1976 Olympic Games Val Barker Award, synonymous with being the best boxer in the Olympics . . . Possibly the fastest-punching boxer in the world . . . His 72½-inch reach is phenomenal for a lightweight . . . Has lived on a vegetarian diet since July, 1979 . . . His only pro loss was a 15-round decision in an attempt to win Jim Watt's lightweight crown in June, 1980 . . . Has returned with two victories since losing to Watt . . . Talented musician . . . Co-managed by Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones . . . Trained by his father, Howard Davis, Sr. . . . Overall record: 15-1

ROBERTO ELIZONDO

Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on December 8, 1955 . . . Injuries have held him back through much of his career . . . Strong, healthy and apparently ready to take on any and all world-class lightweights . . . Devastating body-puncher . . . Managed by Ico Gonzalez . . . Error in 1981 Ring Record Book showed him losing to James Martinez by decision . . . Should have been other way around . . . Only loss came on January 16, 1979, when he was stopped on a cut by Viterbo Romas . . . Runs 6½ miles daily . . . Currently rated seventh by RING . . . Overall record: 23-1, 18 knockouts.

CURTIS HARRIS

Born on July 7, 1955 . . . Height: 5'4" . . . Had 48-6 record in the amateurs, including 37 knockouts . . . Won the 1974 and 1975 New Jersey Golden Gloves and the National Golden Gloves in 1974 . . . Lost a close decision to Aaron Pryor in the Nationals in 1975 . . . Nicknamed "Troubleman" . . . Made his professional debut in September, 1975 . . . Retired the following year because "nobody wanted to fight me" . . . Returned to boxing in 1978 . . . Won the ESPN lightweight championship with a first-round, one-punch knockout of Ken Saale last April . . . Following that was a shutout decision over 12 rounds against James Martinez, who was floored twice during the fight . . . Harris' lone loss was on decision to Michael Ross in April, 1980, a fight Harris claims he took too lightly . . . Might be the hardest hitter in the division with a left hook or a right cross . . . Also has very quick hands . . . Is ready to fight any lightweight in the world . . . Overall record: 12-1-1, 9 knockouts.

RAY MANCINI

Born March 4, 1961 in Youngstown, Ohio . . . Height: 5'6½" . . . Had amateur record of 43-7, including 23 KO's . . . Son of 1940's lightweight contender Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini, who never got his deserved title shot because of military obligation . . . Ray's major goal is to "win the title my father never did" . . . "Discovered" by trainer Murphy Griffith in early 1979 at the National Golden Gloves in Indianapolis . . . Signed shortly thereafter with manager Dave Wolf . . . Griffith has stayed on as trainer . . . Good power in both hands . . . Solid chin . . . Never down as a pro . . . Average foot speed, but uses it well to cut off . . . Pressure-type fighter . . . Honor student in high school, as well as class president . . . Had big year in 1980, winning 12 fights . . . Is 4-0 in 1981, 20-0 overall, including 15 knockouts . . . Next fight could make him world lightweight champion, as his opponent is scheduled to be Alexis Arguello in October.

GONZALLO MONTELLANO

Born August 26, 1957 . . . Resides in Bakersfield, California . . . Was 18 when he won his first fight . . . A talented, standup boxer with excellent moves and the power to make his opponents have respect . . . Always in shape . . . Since the start of his career in 1976, has fought at least six times per year except in 1980, when he laced up the gloves only four times . . . It was in 1980 he suffered the first two blemishes on his then-26-0 record . . . In May he drew in 12 against Herman Montes . . . Two months later, he lost a 12-round decision to Sean O'Grady in a fight televised nationally over NBC . . . Overall record: 30-1-1, 17 knockouts.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION

SAMUEL SERRANO

Born on November 7, 1952 in Toa Alta, Puerto Rico . . . Height: 5'8½" . . . Turned pro in 1968, one week before his 17th birthday . . . Won the Puerto Rican Featherweight Title in March 1968, at 17, by beating talented Francisco Villegas on a 12-round decision . . . Lost the title two weeks later as Villegas reversed the decision . . . Four victories and two years later, Serrano fought Villegas in a rubber match . . . Once again Villegas captured a narrow, 12-round decision . . . After winning four fights in 1973, Serrano, now struggling to make 126 pounds, dropped a 10-round decision to WBA featherweight king Ernesto Marcel in a non-title bout . . . Moving into the junior lightweight division, where he felt stronger, Serrano began reeling off victories . . . Four wins in 1974 and another five in 1975 moved him into a title fight against Ben Villaflor . . . In April 1976, Serrano and Villaflor fought to a draw . . . In a rematch six months later, Serrano became champion with a 15-round decision . . . The longest reign in junior lightweight history ensued—three years, 10 months, along with 10 successful defenses . . . He lost the crown to Japan's Yasutsune Uehara on August 2, 1980, knocked out in round six by a right to the jaw . . . Regained the title on April 9, 1981 with a 15-round decision . . . Followed with a successful defense against Leonel Hernandez . . . Overall record: 40-4-1, 15 knockouts.

CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS

Born on May 27, 1956 in Uganda . . . Managed by Englishman Jack Edwards, who brought "Corny", as his friends call him, to England from Uganda in 1974 . . . Trained by George Francis . . . Loves music . . . Plays several instruments . . . Southpaw . . . Fought in Uganda as a flyweight and bantamweight . . . Lost only one time in Uganda in an estimated 80 fights, that one to world-class Stephen Muchoki . . . A tragic accident cost his wife Jackie, her life in August 1979, leaving him to raise their daughter, Michelle . . . Turned pro in late 1976 . . . Knocked out his first nine opponents before losing on a cut to Des Gwilliam in September 1977 . . . Has lost only one fight since, an eight-round stoppage to Alexis Arguello in August 1980, a fight Boza-Edwards took on two weeks notice . . . Won the title in one of 1981's most sensational fights, decisioning "Bazooka" Limon early in 1981 . . . Followed with an impressive stoppage of Bobby Chacon in a defense last May . . . Beat Limon in a rematch August 29 . . . the *best* 130-pounder in the world . . . Overall record: 31-2, 25 knockouts.

RAFAEL (BAZOOKA) LIMON

Born on January 13, 1954 in Mexico City, Mexico . . . Southpaw . . . What he lacks in skill he makes up for with a ton of heart . . . Limon is a throwback to the oldtime fighters . . . He asks no questions who his opponent is or where the fight will be held . . . To him, the only question is "when do I fight again?" . . . Began his career in 1972 . . . Lost five of his first 19 fights . . . The 14 he won were all by knockout . . . It took 26 victories and four years before Limon was given a shot at a world title . . . In this case, the champion was Alexis Arguello . . . On July 8, 1979, in New York's first boxing match on a Sunday, Arguello stopped Limon in the 11th round on cuts . . . In a fight for the same title 17 months later, a title vacated by Arguello, Limon claimed its vacancy with a 15th-round stoppage of Ildelfonso Bethelmy . . . Lost the title in his first defense to Cornelius Boza-Edwards . . . Was beaten in a rematch against Edwards last August 29 . . . There may not be much left . . . Overall record: 44-12-2, 32 knockouts.

ILDELFONSO BETHELMY

Born outside Caracas . . . Strong boxer/puncher, though not especially fast by 130-pound standards . . . Turned pro in 1974 by losing a four-round decision against Oscar Arnal . . . Also lost his third fight, stopped in round two by Ramon Salazar . . . The following year, was stopped in the eight and final round of his first eight-round fight . . . The man who defeated him was future junior featherweight king Ricardo Cardona . . . Bethelmy also lost a 10-round decision later that year to present junior featherweight contender Leo Cruz . . . Claiming that he was weak at 126 pounds, Bethelmy stepped up in class . . . His claim may have been correct . . . He went undefeated through 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979 . . . Some of his victims included Rafael Solis (KO 1), Mario Martinez (KO 9 for the Central American & Caribbean Junior Lightweight Titles) and Leonel Hernandez (W 12 to retain his title) . . . After winning three fights in 1980, failed in a dismal effort at winning Alexis Arguello's vacated WBC Junior lightweight Crown . . . In that fight on December 11, Rafael Limon stopped him in the 15th and final round . . . Overall record: 21-5-2, 16 knockouts.

YASUTSUNE UEHARA

Born in Okinawa, Japan, on October 12, 1949 . . . Height: 5'6½" . . . Managed by Masaki Kanehira . . . Fighting style: Slugger . . . Loves to move in close and work the ribs with hooks . . . Turned pro in 1972 . . . Lost a decision in his second fight . . . Followed with nine victories in a row, seven by knockouts . . . His reward was a title shot in August 1974 against Ben Villaflor . . . Uehara, a "veteran" of only 11 fights, was stopped by Villaflor in round two . . . It was back to the gym . . . Eleven months later, Uehara won the Japanese Junior Lightweight crown, knocking out Susumu Okabe in the opening round . . . After stopping Masa Ito and Susumu Okabe in defenses, Ito decisioned him in a rematch on April 10, 1976 . . . Uehara allowed Ito to hold the title for three months, regaining it on decision July 29 . . . Fighting with the flu in Manila four months later, he dropped a 10-round decision to Joe Lim . . . Ten victories in a row followed (nine by knockout) and suddenly, Uehara found himself in a title fight against Samuel Serrano on August 2, 1980 . . . An explosive right hand in round six was all Uehara needed to become world champ . . . A successful defense against Leonel Hernandez followed three months later . . . On April 9, 1981, became an ex-champion, dropping a decision to Serrano . . . Overall record: 27-5, 21 knockouts.

BOBBY CHACON

Born on November 21, 1951 in Los Angeles . . .

Height: 5'5¾ . . . Turned pro in 1972 . . . Fought 15 times that year, winning all but one by knockout . . . By the years' end, was already a world-class fighter and a gate attraction in Southern California . . . A February 1973 knockout of Turi Pineda, followed by a stoppage of former bantamweight king Chucho Castillo two months later put Chacon in line to face Ruben Olivares for the vacant NABF Featherweight title . . . Olivares stopped Chacon on cuts, June 23, 1973 . . . Came back with five consecutive knockouts as he then found himself in against Alfredo Marcano for the WBC featherweight crown in September 1974 . . . Won the title via ninth-round knockout . . . After a successful defense in March 1975, lost his title to Ruben Olivares in June . . . Faced Olivares two years later, beating him on a 10-round decision . . . There was no title at stake . . . Challenged Alexis Arguello for the WBC junior lightweight crown in November 1979, but was stopped on cuts in round seven . . . Turned in a sensational effort against the world's top junior lightweight, Cornelius Boza-Edwards last May, only to be stopped in the 13th round . . . The defeat may have caused Chacon to retire, though no official announcement from him has been heard . . . Overall record: 45-6-1, 38 knockouts.

LEONEL HERNANDEZ

Born on July 5, 1948 in Anzoategui, Venezuela . . . Managed by: Rafito Cedeno . . . At 5'3½", short by junior lightweight standards . . . Makes up for his lack of size with a sturdy chin, quick hands and exceptional moves . . . Turned pro in 1969 . . . Fought for six years as a featherweight . . . Lost only four of 33 fights as a featherweight, including bouts to Esteban DeJesus and to Alexis Arguello for the WBC junior lightweight title in March 1975 . . . Six months after losing to Arguello, challenged Alfredo Escalera for the junior lightweight title . . . The fight was ruled a draw . . . Five victories and 21 months later, Hernandez challenged for a third time to win a world title . . . This time his opponent was Samuel Serrano . . . Leonel lost a decision . . . A 12-round loss to Ildelfonso Bethelmy on December 21, 1979 paved the way for Bethelmy to fight Bazooka Limon for the vacant title in May 1974 . . . An eighth-round knockout of Carlos Pinago in July 1980 put Hernandez back in the title picture . . . Four months later, was decisioned by Yasutsune Uehara . . . Was most recently outpointed by Serrano . . . Overall record: 44-9-1, 25 knockouts.

ROLANDO NAVARETTE

Born in the Philippines on February 14, 1957 . . . Grew up there in the populous known as General Santos City . . . Began boxing at the age of 14 . . . Had nearly three dozen unsanctioned pro bouts in and around his home town before actually applying for a license . . . Moved to Manila in 1974 . . . Began fighting as a pro soon after moving to Manila . . . Managed by: Paul Sakamoto . . . Trained by: Marcellus Dudoit . . . Married . . . Dedicates every fight to his young daughter, Elland Nani . . . Fought the best fighters in the Philippines from the start . . . His most disappointing loss was to Johnny Sato on New Years' Eve, 1977 . . . It was a loss Navarette spent years hoping to avenge . . . Soon after the loss, he left his original manager and signed with Sakamoto . . . Things have been different, since . . . Following the loss to Sato, went unbeaten in his next 14 fights . . . Suddenly, Navarette found himself in with Alexis Arguello . . . Navarette was stopped on a severe eye cut in the fourth round, April 27, 1981, 12-round victory over Sato for the NABF Junior Lightweight Title . . . Overall record: 35-6-3, 15 knockouts.

JOHN (THE HEAT) VERDEROSA

Born on October 28, 1957 . . . Height: 5'5" . . . Managed by Frank Sciacca . . . Amateur record: 49-10-1 . . . Two-Time New York Golden Gloves champ . . . One of the world's most colorful fighters . . . Also one of the fastest . . . Has incredible hand speed . . . Makes moves few opponents can keep up with . . . Turned professional in 1979 . . . Within one year, had won 11 fights . . . Most impressive victory was a stunning, first-round, one-punch knockout of previously undefeated Robert Mullins on ESPN last April . . . The victory gave Verderosa the *Ring's* vacant U.S. junior lightweight crown, as well as the vacant U.S.B.A. title . . . Looking for a 1982 title fight against Samuel Serrano . . . Overall record: 19-0.

CARLOS PINANGO

Turned pro in January 1979 after a long amateur career . . . Started in a four-round bout and by the end of the year, was a 10-round fighter . . . Won 10 fights that first year . . . Good boxer, much better puncher . . . Biggest problem in his chin . . . It is sturdy, but he allows it to block too many punches . . . Fought seven times in 1980 . . . All the fights ended by knockouts . . . Six went in his favor . . . The stoppage was to Leonel Hernandez . . . In August, attempted to lift the WBA featherweight crown from Eusebio Pedroza . . . Pinango hung his chin out a bit too often, and the fight was stopped in round seven . . . Overall record: 17-2, 12 knockouts.

FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ

Born in Santiago Tianquistencio, Mexico, on February 3, 1958 . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Turned pro in 1975 . . . Won his first 18 fights, including 12 in a row by knockout . . . First and only loss occurred on September 9, 1977 . . . Fighting Antonio Becerra for the vacant Mexican Bantamweight Title, Sanchez dropped a close, 12-round decision . . . Fought to a 10-round draw against Juan Escobar three fights later . . . Since then, has been unbeatable . . . Slick boxer with poetic moves . . . Slips punches like few fighters can . . . Average power, but throws lots of combinations . . . Solid chin, though has been put down before . . . Won the title by beating Danny Lopez in February, 1980 . . . Before the year was out, had made successful defenses against Ruben Castillo (W 15), Danny Lopez (KO 14), Patrick Ford (W 15) and Juan LaPorte (W 15) . . . In his lone 1981 defense pounded over-matched Roberto Castanon into a 10th round TKO . . . In a recent non-title match, won a 10-round decision over Nicky Perez . . . At press time, was prepared for the biggest fight of his career—a title defense against unbeaten junior featherweight king Wilfredo Gomez . . . Overall record: 40-1-1, 30 knockouts.

EUSEBIO PEDROZA

Born in Panama City, Panama, on March 2, 1953 . . . Managed by Santiago del Rio . . . Turned pro three months before his 21st birthday, rather late for such a talented fighter . . . Height: 5'9" . . . Stopped on a cut eye in his 10th fight by Alfonso Lopez . . . 1976 was a year he'd like to forget . . . Fighting as a bantamweight on April 3, he challenged then-unbeaten Alfonso Zamora for his WBA title . . . A left hook put Pedroza's lights out in round three . . . Three months later, Pedroza fought in bantamweight Oscar Arnal's backyard of Caracas . . . Stunned by a combination, the fight was stopped in round six . . . Nobody has beaten him since . . . Counting his fights from the time he lost to Arnal, Pedroza is 15-0, including 11 knockouts . . . Won the WBA title by stopping Cecilio Lastra in the 13th round on April, 15, 1978 . . . Defended twice that year, then four times in each of the following two years . . . He looked brilliant in stopping Patrick Ford in round 13 in February 1981 . . . Many experts claim it was the second half of his title defense vs. Rocky Lockridge in October, 1980, that made Pedroza into something more than merely the "other" champion . . . Holds featherweight record for most defenses (12) . . . Overall record: 30-3, 21 knockouts.

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE

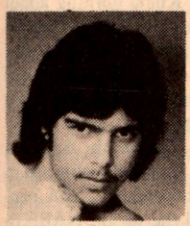
Born on January 30, 1955 . . . Height: 5'5" . . . Won 210 out of 218 amateur fights . . . Hoped to compete in the 1976 Olympics, but monetary needs forced Rocky to work at nightclubs with his band . . . Plays drums and sings . . . Makes his own music in the ring with his fists and poetic movements . . . Has perhaps the best balance of any featherweight . . . Is artful at dodging, blocking and slipping punches . . . Trained by George Benton . . . Managed by Lou Duva . . . Fought his first two pro fights in native state of Washington before moving to Paterson, New Jersey . . . Took 16-0 record into title fight against Eusebio Pedroza on October 4, 1980 . . . The first half of the fight belonged to Lockridge, the last half to Pedroza, who held onto his title . . . Lockridge has won four

fights since losing to Pedroza . . . A world class battle between Lockridge and Juan LaPorte was due to take place at press time, the winner to fight Pedroza . . . Overall record: 20-1, 17 knockouts.

WILFREDO GOMEZ

Born in Las Monjas, Puerto Rico, on October 29, 1956 . . . Represented Puerto Rico in the 1972 Olympics as a flyweight . . . Lost a decision in the second round of fights to Egypt's Mohamed Selim . . . Turned pro in November, 1974, with a six-round draw against Jacinto Fuentes . . . Since then, Gomez has knocked out all 31 opponents he has faced . . . Included is a second-round knockout of Fuentes . . . At 20, became the youngest man to win the junior featherweight crown when he beat titleholder Dong-Hyun Yum in May, 1977 . . . His achievements in the division have made him a legend in his native Puerto Rico . . . Among the more glamorous and prestigious pro boxing records he holds are: The highest knockout percentage of any champion (.970); most consecutive knockouts by any champion (32); most consecutive knockout victories in title fights (14); and most consecutive knockouts in defense of the title (13) . . . Height: 5'5" . . . Hard puncher with both hands . . . Has mastered throwing a debilitating left hook to the side . . . A magnificent counter-puncher and defensive wizard . . . At press time was scheduled to make his move into the featherweight class by challenging world featherweight king Salvador Sanchez in one of boxing's longest-anticipated battles . . . Overall record: 32-0-1, 32 knockouts.

RUBEN CASTILLO



Born on December 19, 1957 . . . Outstanding boxer, solid chin . . . Turned pro one month after his 17th birthday . . . In that first year as a pro, fought 14 times, winning them all . . . Since then, he has been the most active contender in any division . . . Added nine more victories to his total in 1976 . . . Entered the RING-King-ABC U.S. Championship Tournament in 1977 . . . Was on his way to a title after two victories, but the tournament was aborted, cutting his glory and chance for fame short . . . Took a 48-0 record into a WBC junior lightweight title fight vs. Alexis Arguello on January 20, 1980 . . . Put up a gallant effort, but didn't have the strength to hold off Arguello, who stopped him in the 11th round . . . Three months later, challenged Salvador Sanchez for the featherweight crown . . . In one of 1980's top fights, Sanchez pulled out the victory with a brilliant 15th round . . . Has not been the same since his hard fights against Arguello and Sanchez . . . In his following bouts, he has stopped Roberto Garcia in six, fought to a 10-round draws with James Martinez, and in his last fight, lost a 10-round decision to Kelvin Lampkin . . . Overall record: 51-3-1, 28 knockouts.

GUSTAVO SALGADO

Unbeaten in close to 50 fights . . . A swarming, action fighter who throws punches from bell to bell . . . Best can be described as typically Mexican . . . Good chin . . . Finely conditioned . . . Defense is less than airtight, but his powerful offense more than makes up for his defensive shortcomings . . . Owns a big left hook . . . Could fight any of the world's leading featherweights right now and give them a rough night, if not beat them.

PATRICK FORD

Born in Georgetown, Guyana, on December 15, 1955 . . . Height: 5'10" . . . Uses height well . . . Good jab and fine hand speed . . . Weakness is lack of big punch . . . Most of his 10 knockouts have come by the TKO route after his opponent has soaked up plenty of punishment . . . Began pro career in 1976, picking up various titles along the way, including: The Commonwealth, Central American, Caribbean and Guyanese featherweight championships . . . Challenged Sanchez for world featherweight crown on September 13, 1980 . . . Had Sanchez in trouble early, but let him off hook and back into fight . . . Sanchez retained crown with a 15-round decision . . . Ford looked weak last February as he was worn down in heat of Panama City and stopped in round 13 of WBA title fight vs. Pedroza . . . Major question is whether Ford can mentally recover from the Pedroza beating and return to world class form.

JUAN LAPORTE

Born November 24, 1959, in Guyama, Puerto Rico . . . Turned pro at 17 after compiling a 29-6 amateur record . . . Included was a 112-pound championship in the 1976 New York Golden Goves . . . Managed by Howard Albert . . . Trained by Carlos Espada . . . Good technician, decent power but a bit lazy . . . Must be pressed in order to bring out the championship qualities within him . . . Solid chin . . . Biggest win was a 10th round stoppage of veteran Fel Clemente . . . Biggest accomplishment—going 15 rounds in a display of courage against Salvador Sanchez last December 13 in an attempt for Sanchez' world crown . . . At press time was due to battle Rocky Lockridge, the winner to face Eusebio Pedroza for the WBA featherweight title . . . Overall record: 16-2, 9 knockouts.

ROBERTO CASTANON

Born March 4, 1953, in Leon, Spain . . . Turned pro at age 22 . . . Fought all his fights either in or around his hometown . . . Built impressive record knocking off one unheard of fighter after another . . . Occasionally, a "name" would appear on his list of victims, such as Cecilio Lastra (KO 8), Carlos Hernandez (W 8) and Dave Needham (KO 5) . . . Brought 29-0 record into world title fight against Danny Lopez in 1979 . . . Lasted into the second round . . . Went back to work in Spain defending the European featherweight crown he won in 1977 . . . Thirteen victories followed, until he was given his second title shot, this time against Salvador Sanchez last March . . . Sanchez pounded, carried and toyed with Castanon, finally halting him in round 10 . . . Perhaps he would be better off staying in Europe and being happy with his European title.

MARIO MIRANDA

Born April 15, 1959 in Barranquilla, Colombia . . . At just over 6', is one of the world's tallest—if not *the* tallest—featherweights . . . Uses height and reach extremely well . . . It looks to be an impossible task for any featherweight to outbox him . . . Is a deceivingly harder puncher than he looks to be . . . Won the Colombian featherweight title with an 11th round knockout of veteran Armando Perez in October, 1980 . . . In his last two bouts, Miranda stopped Ruben Valdez in the sixth round, and easily decisioned Mexico's talented Guillermo Morales in 12 . . . Overall record: 15-0.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION

SERGIO PALMA

Born New Year's Day, 1956, in La Tigra, Chaco, Argentina . . . Full name Victor Sergio Palma . . . Turned pro in January, 1976 . . . Won Argentine Junior Featherweight crown in October, 1977 . . . Defended title four times . . . In between also won the South American Junior Featherweight title . . . Fought Ricardo Cardona in December, 1979 for Cardona's WBA Junior Featherweight title. Lost a unanimous 15-round decision in Colombia . . . Looked for rematch with Cardona, but after Cardona lost crown to Leo Randolph in May, 1980, Palma went after the newly-crowned champion . . . Got the fight—and the victory—on August 9, 1980, stopping Randolph in round five . . . Has since made two successful defenses . . . Overall record: 41-3-4, 15 knockouts.

RICARDO CARDONA

Born November 9, 1952 in Palenque de San Basilio, Colombia . . . At 5'8", possibly the world's tallest junior featherweight . . . Uses his height well . . . A long, hard jab is his best weapon . . . Brought 15-4-1 record into 1978 title challenge against korea's Soo-Hwan Hong . . . Won the crown via a 12th round kayo . . . Made two successful defenses that year and three more in 1979 before losing to

Leo Randolph in May, 1980 on a 15th-round stoppage . . . Fought more rounds (90) in junior featherweight title fights than any other junior featherweight champion . . . Overall record: 22-5-1, 11 knockouts.

LEONARDO CRUZ

Born in the Dominican Republic . . . Fine boxer with excellent stamina . . . Respectable power, though far from beng the hardest hitter in the division . . . Began career in 1972 . . . Had best year in 1973, when he was 12-0-1 . . . Lost first fight on disputed decision to Francisco Cruz in 1974 . . . Handed second defeat later that year when stopped on a cut by Livio Nolasco . . . Beat Cruz in a rematch in mid-1975 . . . Lost twice in 1977, once on a cut to talented Reynaldo Hidalgo, the other on decision to Aurelio Birriel in Puerto Rico . . . Fought for WBC super bantamweight crown against Wilfredo Gomez in 1978 . . . Gomez stopped him in the 13th round . . . Was given another title chance last April 4 against Sergio Palma . . . Lost one-sidedly on decision . . . Cruz' biggest wins are by decision against Ildelfonso Bethelmy (1975), Lupe Pintor (1978) and Jose Cervantes (1979) . . . His best days seem to be behind him . . . Overall record: 36-6-1, 17 knockouts.

MIKE AYALA

Born January 10, 1958, in San Antonio, Texas . . . As an amateur, won the National Golden Gloves as a flyweight in 1973 and as a bantamweight in 1975 . . . Also won the National AAU's in 1974 as a bantamweight . . . After turning pro at 17½, kayoed his first six opponents . . . Unbeaten in 14 contests when he went ill-prepared into a fight againt Rodolfo Martinez in May, 1977 . . . Martinez halted him in round seven . . . Won eight consecutive fights the next two yers, earning himself a shot at Danny Lopez' featherweight crown on June 17, 1979 . . . In the "Fight of the Year", Lopez stopped Ayala in the 15th round . . . Left his father, Tony Sr., who managed and trained him, after the Lopez fight, to sign with Dennis Rappaport . . . Is still with Rappaport, but Tony Sr. is once again training him . . . Reports say he has never looked better . . . Overall record: 28-2, 13 knockouts.

CARMELO NEGRON

Born on October 20, 1959 . . . Height: 5'1½" . . . Amateur Record 24-2 . . . Managed by Frank Sciacca . . . Trained by Jose Colon . . . Graduated with honors from the New York City school system . . . Called by his trainer "An honor student in the ring" . . . Hits opponents as hard as he hit the books . . . A fierce competitor . . . Loves to train . . . Won New York Golden Gloves bantamweight titles in 1977 and 1978 . . . Also won the 1978 Ohio State bantamweight title . . . Puts tremendous pressure on his opponents . . . Forces them to make mistakes, then makes them pay heavily . . . Inexhaustible stamina . . . Can throw punches non-stop fo the entirety of a fight without getting tired . . . Has crushing power in both fists . . . Works the body better than any man in the division . . . Overall record: 16-0, 16 knockouts.

EDWIN ROSARIO

Born in Puerto Rico in 1963 . . . Resides in Toa Japa, Puerto Rico . . . Made pro debut two years ago in Puerto Rico . . . Complete record of early fights are sketchy, but by his and manager Jim Jacobs' accounts, is unbeaten in 18 fights, all by knockout . . . Trained by Manny Sciaca . . . Looks to be another Wilfredo Gomez . . . Has all the moves of a master boxer . . . Owns a powerful left hook and knockout drops in his right . . . Already works the body as if he were a skilled veteran . . . In his last fight, televised live over NBC-TV, Rosario halted Rodrigo Aguirre in the eighth round . . . Began career as a bantamweight . . . Passed quickly as a contender through the junior featherweight division . . . Should be knocking on the championship door of either the featherweight or junior lightweight division within a year.

JUAN (KID) MEZA

Born March 16, 1957 in Tucson, Arizona . . . Managed by Jimmy Montoya . . . Good boxer . . . Better puncher . . . Solid chin . . . Can fight at either 122 pounds or 126 pounds . . . Began career in 1972 . . . Lost three of eight fights that year, all on decision . . . Has lost only twice since then in 28 bouts, both times on decision . . . The last time he lost was in June, 1980, to world-class Carlos Mendoza . . . Should have lost last May 28 against James Martinez on ESPN, but was gifted with the decision . . . Overall record: 31-4, 24 knockouts.

JOSE CABA

Born in the Dominican Republic in 1958 . . . Early part of his record is unavailable, but it is believed he started fighting in the Dominican Republic in 1976 . . . Decent boxer, though defense can use tightening . . . Solid hitter, especially with the right . . . Big moment came on September 25, 1979, against Danny "Little Red" Lopez for the featherweight championship . . . Caba hurt Lopez in the opening moments of the fight, but couldn't follow up . . . Lopez came back to stop Caba in the third round . . . Overall record: 15-2, 12 knockouts.

JAIME GARZA

Born September 10, 1959 in Santa Cruz, California . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Amateur record: 28-3, 15 knockouts . . . Managed by Bennie Georgino . . . Idolizes Danny "Littel Red" Lopez . . . Like Lopez, chin can be reached . . . But, like Lopez, he comes back to stop his opponent . . . Most exciting fighter in the division . . . Always gives fans their money's worth . . . Can punch hard with either hand . . . Has stopped 11 opponents in the first round and another six in the second round . . . Began career in 1978 . . . Stopped first three opponents in the opening round . . . Fought four times in 1978 and seven times in 1979 . . . In 1980, Garza became one of the world's most active fighters, boxing one dozen times . . . Eleven opponents failed to last the distance . . . Has the fastest winning knockout percentage in boxing . . . His fights last an average of 2.64 rounds . . . Overall record: 28-0, 26 knockouts.

DERRIK HOLMES

Born on August 23, 1955 . . . Height: 5'7" . . . Amateur record: 129-10, 75 knockouts . . . Biggest accomplishment in the amateurs was a first-round knockout of Wilfredo Gomez . . . Was also a six-time national and international champion . . . A loss in the 1976 Olympic Trials so disappointed Holmes that he quit boxing . . . He returned two years later, this time as a pro . . . After two years in the paid ranks, Holmes had build a 14-0-1 record, including 10 knockouts . . . Then he signed to fight junior featherweight champion Wilfredo Gomez . . . Last August 22, on NBC's "Friday Night Fights", Holmes was stopped in the fifth round . . . Following the fight it was discovered Holmes had suffered a compound fracture of his jaw, one of the worst fractures othopedic surgeons had ever seen . . . Only now, over one year later, is he ready to fight again.

BANTAMWEIGHT DIVISION

JEFF CHANDLER

Born on September 3, 1956 in Philadelphia . . . Height 5'7" . . . Managed by "KO" Becky O'Neill . . . Turned pro in 1976 with a four-round draw vs. Mike Dwoling . . . Knew nothing about leverage in his early fights . . . Strictly an arm-puncher then, he stopped only one of his first nine opponents . . . A change came in 1978, as he learned how to put his body into a punch . . . Three successive knockouts resulted . . . Won six fights in 1978 and five more in 1979 as he quickly climbed in the world ratings . . . Won the vacant USBA bantamweight crown in 1979 and the vacant NABF title in 1980 . . . Carried a 23-0-1 record into the ring against world champion Julian Solis last November 14 . . . Won the crown with a 14th-round stoppage in Miami Beach . . . It was Chandler's third-successive knockout and seventh knockout in his last eight fights . . . Has retained the title with a draw against Eijiro Murata, a decision over Jorge Lujan and an impressive stoppage of Julian Solis last July . . . Overall record: 26-0-2, 13 knockouts.

JULIAN SOLIS

Born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, on January 7, 1957 . . . Height: 5'5" . . . Fine boxer, though not a big hitter . . . Turned pro on November 11, 1975 with a four-round decision . . . Jumped rapidly from the four-round preliminary class to 10-round main-event status . . . In his fifth fight, won a 10-

round decision . . . On the way up, he beat Livio Nolasco, Julio Soto Solano (for the Central American and Caribbean Bantamweight Titles) and South Africa's talented Welile Nkosinkulu . . . Won the world bantamweight crown on August 29, 1980 with a 15-round decision over Jorge Lujan . . . Lost the title to Jeff Chandler on a 14th-round stoppage three months later . . . Failed in an attempt to beat Chandler last July 25 . . . Overall record: 19-2, 8 knockouts.

LUPE PINTOR

Born Jose Guadalupe Pintor on April 13, 1955, in Cuajimalpa, Mexico . . . Managed by Lupe Sanchez . . . Height: 5"4½" . . . Lives in the same run-down area he grew up in, only now in an expensive home he had built in the middle of the "barrio" . . . Began his pro career in Tijuana in 1974 . . . Immediately begged for 10-round fights, because he needed the money . . . Won 12 of his first 13 fights, nine by knockouts . . . Had an eight-bout winning streak snapped in February 1976, when he was decisioned by Albert Davila . . . Proceeded to win his next 21 fights befoe dropping back-to-back 10-round decisions to Leo Cruz and Jose Luis Soto . . . Had his best year in 1977, when he was 12-0, all by knockout . . . Won the WBC title on a disputed decision against stablemate Carlos Zarate in June 1979 . . . Has made six successful defenses of the crown, the last one against Jovito Rengifo on July 26 . . . Overall record: 46-5-1, 36 knockouts.

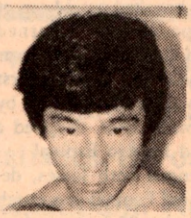
ALBERT DAVILA

Born on August 10, 1954 . . . For years had mistakenly been called Alberto by sportwriters . . . The Ring Record Book also errs in the spelling of his name . . . Manager: Bennie Georgino . . . Superb boxer . . . Lacks a big wallop . . . Solid chin . . . Turned pro in 1973 . . . Statistically, had his best year then, winning all nine of his fights . . . Has lost seven bouts . . . The last four losses have been to Lupe Pintor for the WBC title (December 1980), Jorge Lujan for the world title (September 1978), Carlos Zarate (February 1978) and Wilfredo Gomez (July 1976) . . . The losses to Pintor (whom he beat on decision in 1976) and Lujan were both by close decisions . . . The defeat to Zarate and Gomez were by stoppages . . . Is hoping for a rubber match against Pintor or a bout against Jeff Chandler . . . Overall record: 40-7, 18 knockouts.

JORGE LUJAN

Born in Colon, Panama, on March 18, 1955 . . . An excellent boxer and master counterpuncher . . . Turned pro in mid-1973 . . . In his sixth fight, halted world-class Socrates Batoto in the fourth round . . . Lost his first fight on May 14, 1977, against Gilbert Illueca, in a close, 10-round decision . . . Two fights later, he ventured to Bogota, Colombia, where Jose Cervantes outpointed him . . . That loss "earned" him a title shot at WBA bantamweight boss Alfonso Zamora . . . Lujan stifled the laughs by brilliantly outboxing and outpunching Zamora, stopping him in round 10 to win the crown . . . Made five successful defenses before dropping a 15-round decision to Julian Solis in August 1980 . . . Looked sluggish in losing a decision to Jeff Chandler early in 1981 . . . Looked even more sluggish in August . . . Lost a decision at 124 pounds to Roberto Rubaldino . . . Overall record: 22-5, 14 knockouts.

EIJIRO MURATA



Height: 5'5½" . . . Amateur Record: 78-10, 43 knockouts . . . Reach: 66¾" . . . Trainer: Eddie Taunsend . . . Pro style: Counterpuncher . . . Best punch: Right cross . . . Began pro career in 1976 . . . Was a swarming, wild puncher then . . . Kayoed his first five opponents . . . Had his best year in 1977, when he was 6-0, including four knockouts . . . Since that time, has learned to settle down and pace himself . . . Won the OPBF bantamweight crown on December 14, 1978, beating Korea's Yung-Sik Kim on a 12-round decision . . . It is a title he still holds . . . Fought Lupe Pintor for WBC title in June, 1980, just missing the victory with a 15-round draw . . . On April 5, 1981, became the first man in history to fight back-to-back draws in title fights, coming out even against Jeff Chandler . . . Overall record: 18-0-3, 11 knockouts.

OSCAR MUNIZ

Nicknamed "The Boxer" . . . Is exactly that, and more . . . Has respectable power in both fists . . . Managed by Bennie Georgino . . . Turned professional in August 1976 . . . Fought four times that year, losing once, on decision to Richard Rozelle . . . Fought at least seven times in each of the next four years as he learned and improved at his trade, becoming one of the world's leading bantamweight contenders . . . In addition to the Rozelle fight, has lost two other times . . . Beaten by Leo Randolph (1979) and Ruben Solario (1980) . . . Both losses were on 10-round decisions . . . His most impressive victories were over Mario Chavez (twice), Eddie Logan (twice), Joaquin Acuna and Kiko Bejines . . . In 1981 he has won four fights . . . Overall record: 31-3-2, 18 knockouts.

JOSE R. NARVAEZ

Born on October 28, 1957, in La Rioja, Argentina . . . Full name: Jose Rufino Narvaez . . . Outstanding boxer with educated left jab . . . Tremendous stamina . . . Can get up on his toes and move for 12 rounds, which he has done on two occasions . . . On one of those nights, he easily outpointed Jose Uziga for the Argentine Bantamweight Title . . . Uziga is the man who ran from Pintor for 15 rounds last February . . . Probably the weakest puncher in the division . . . Once said that he anticipates an expects every fight to go the distance because of his lack of power . . . His lack of it should keep him from the title . . . It takes more than a quick left and speed to reach the top of the division . . . Sketchy record, but has had approximately 35 fights . . . Lost one decision in 10 1980 fights.

JOHNNY (DANCING MACHINE) CARTER

Born on November 7, 1957 in Philadelphia . . . Height: 5'5½" . . . Managed by Bobby Botto . . . Trained by: Jimmy Arthur . . . Employed by Botto in Botto's sausage plant . . . Amateur record: 100-6 . . . Was a five-time Pennsylvania Golden Gloves champion . . . Fighter he admires most is Alexis Arguello . . . Outstanding athlete . . . Excells in basketball, swimming and tennis . . . Picturesque boxer . . . Makes moves few others can . . . Extremely fast hands . . . Throws punches in bunches . . . His jab is among the finest in the division . . . His most recent victory saw him easily dispose of veteran Javier Flores . . . Says he'd like to fight either Jeff Chandler or Lupe Pintor next . . . Overall record: 20-0-1.

CHUL-HO KIM

Born on March 3, 1961, in Ohsan, Korea . . . Amateur record: 8-1, 4 knockouts . . . Height: 5'6" . . . Turned pro in October, 1978 . . . Before the year was over, had won six fights . . . The only active fighter to have fought on four successive days . . . Performed the feat on December 7, 8, 9 and 10 in 1978 . . . Won all four on decision . . . A highly-skilled boxer who seems to be getting better with every fight . . . Uses the "Peek-a-Boo" style of fighting . . . Although he fights in the fabricated "Super Flyweight" or "Junior Bantamweight" division, can easily make 118 pounds . . . Even at two or three pounds less can probably defeat most of the world's top bantamweights . . . Looks to be a real talent . . . Won the super flyweight crown with a 13th-round stoppage of Rafael Orono . . . Retained it by stopping Willie Jensen, also in round 13 . . . Overall record: 16-1-1.

FLYWEIGHT DIVISION

ANTONIO AVELAR

Born on September 3, 1958 . . . 5'4" . . . Managed by Angel Casillas . . . Turned pro in hometown of Guadalajara . . . Five of his eight career losses came when he was a teenager, all five against current or former world titleholders . . . Lost a 15-round decision to Miguel Canto on February 10, 1979, for Canto's world title . . . Championship victory over Shoji Oguma for the world title last May 12 raised Avelar's record to 23-8-1, including 15 knockouts . . . Likes to stand flat-footed and trade punches . . . It was in an exchange that Avelar took the title with a seventh-round knockout.

HILARIO ZAPATA

Born August 19, 1958 outside Panama City in Panama . . . Fought twice that year, winning both by knockout . . . At 5'6½", one of the world's tallest flyweights . . . Southpaw . . . Managed by Luis Spada . . . Began pro career on October 28, 1977 . . . Exactly one year later and with a 6-0 record, Zapata faced 26-bout pro, the former WBA flyweight king, Alfonso Lopez, a fellow Panamanian . . . The bout was for the Vacant Latin American Junior Flyweight Title . . . Lopez won a close decision . . . Zapata came back with four consecutive victories in 1979, including a decision over former WBC junior flyweight champion Freddie Castillo . . . Won the WBC junior flyweight title with a 15-round decision against Shigeo Nakajima in March, 1980 . . . Since then, has made six successful defenses . . . Quite possibly the world's best flyweight—junior or otherwise . . . Overall record: 17-1, 7 knockouts.

HWAN-JIN KIM

Born in Korea on June 25, 1954 . . . Managed by former junior lightweight contender Hyun-Chi Kim . . . Began pro career in June, 1977 . . . Excellent hand speed, even by flyweight standards . . . By those same standards, has average power . . . Kim is a pressure-type fighter who doesn't stop moving in throwing punches . . . Became a world-rated fighter among junior flyweights when he decisioned Japan's Shigeo Nakajima in Tokyo in 1978 . . . In 1980, Kim fought five times, all against foreign opponents . . . He won all five, two by knockout . . . Won the title by stopping Pedro Flores (who had beaten Gushiken Yoko) in the 13th round on July 19, in Taegu, Korea . . . Look for Kim to make his first title defense against Katsuo Tokashiki, a stablemate of the recently-retired Gushiken . . . Overall record: 19-0-2, 9 knockouts.

PEDRO FLORES

Born in 1950 in Guadalajara, Mexico . . . Height: 5'2" . . . Now resides in Tepito . . . Has nine brothers . . . Won several local Golden Gloves bouts, as well as capturing a bronze medal in the Central American Games in Panama . . . Amateur record: 39-6 . . . Managed by Lupe Sanchez . . . Turned pro in 1973 . . . spending many years being self-managed and/or mis-managed. Because of the early mismanagement, Flores was thrown into bouts against highly superior—even world-class—fighters . . . Low point of his career came in July 1976, when he was stopped in the third round by Adelaido Galindo . . . It was the fourth loss in a row for Flores, and he hung up his gloves . . . He came back soon after, but during a fight against Freddie Castillo in which Castillo was punishing him, Flores quit in the eighth round . . . Then, along came Lupe Sanchez . . . After getting Flores in top shape, he brought him back with an impressive victory against Samuel Machorro . . . Several victories later, Flores was matched against unbeaten Yoko Gushiken for the WBA junior flyweight title . . . Down in round three, Flores came back to stop Gushiken at the end of the 12th round . . . Lost the title last July 19 to Hwang-Jin Kim on a 13th-round knockout . . . Overall record: 21-7, 3 knockouts.

BETULIO GONZALEZ

Born on October 24, 1949, in Maracaibo, Venezuela . . . Height: 5'3¾" . . . Possibly the most complete fighter in the division . . . Does everything well . . . Has some power . . . At one stage in his career, knocked out 14 out of 17 opponents . . . Turned pro at 19 in 1968 . . . Won five fights that year Went 10-0-1 the following year . . . Lost his first fight in March, 1970, when stopped on a cut by Felix Marquez . . . Two months later, dropped a 10-round decision to talented Ignacio Espinal . . . In his next two fights, avenged both losses, decisioning Marquez and stopping Espinal in a rough fight . . . On April 1, 1971, took a 25-2-1 record into a title fight against WBA kingpin Masao Ohba of Japan . . . The fight, held in Tokyo, was awarded to Ohba on a close decision . . . Seven months later, attempted to win Erbito Salvarria's world title . . . Came close, but a 15-round draw retained the crown for Salvarria . . . Won the WBC title with a fourth-round stoppage of Socrates Batoto in June, 1972 . . . Lost the crown three months later to Venice Borkorsor . . . Regained the crown in August, 1973, outpointing Miguel Canto . . . Made two successful defenses before losing to Shoji Oguma by decision in October, 1974 . . . Lost decisions in 1975 and 1976 to Canto trying to win the Mexican's world crown . . . Won his third world title by beating Guty Espadas on decision in August, 1978 . . . After making three successful defenses, lost the crown to Luis Ibarra on November 17, 1979 . . . Has won six fights since in an effort to compete in his 16th title bout and win his fourth world title . . . Overall record: 69-8-3, 43 knockouts.

LUIS IBARRA

Born in Colon, Panama, on February 23, 1953 . . . Excellent boxer . . . Weak in-fighter . . . Southpaw . . . Turned professional in 1975, fighting mainly at 108 pounds . . . Had trouble finding opponents, so from July 1975, until June 1978, he fought only 15 times . . . His only loss during that time was on a 10-round decision to Prudencio Cardona, younger brother of former WBA junior featherweight king Ricardo Cardona . . . After reversing a decision the following year to Cardona, plus adding to more victories, Ibarra was given a title shot at WBA flyweight champion Betulio Gonzalez . . . Won the crown from Gonzalez on November 17, 1979 with a 15-round decision . . . Lost the crown three months later, in his first defense, on a second-round knockout to Korea's Tae-Shik Kim . . . Regained the title late this past spring with a decision over Santos Laciar . . . Overall record: 22-2, 8 knockouts.

PETER MATHEBULA

Born July 3, 1956 . . . Height: 5'2½" . . . Managed by Albert Mthembu . . . Turned pro one week after his 19th birthday . . . Fought with a "Who cares" attitude for three years, building a 5-3 record, before winning his next 13 fights . . . A light hitter, even by flyweight standards . . . Puts punches together well . . . Despite the fact he had been stopped three fights earlier, Mathebula was given a title shot against WBA champion Tae-Shik Kim last December . . . In the bout, seen on ESPN, Mathebula became the first black South African to win a world title when he won a 15-round decision against Kim . . . Lost in his first defense last March 28, to Santos Laciar on a seventh-round stoppage . . . Overall record: 30-6, 15 knockouts.

CHARLIE MAGRI

Born July 20, 1956 . . . Height: 5'4½" . . . Amateur Record: 126-9 . . . Managed by Terry Lawless . . . Represented England in the 1976 Olympic Games . . . Called "England's most exciting fighter", by those who have seen him in action . . . Quite possibly the hardest puncher in the division . . . The only top-10 contender who is not a current or former world champion . . . Currently holds the EBU flyweight title, which he won two years ago . . . Look for him to fight world flyweight king Antonio Avelar within the next half year . . . Overall record: 22-0, 17 knockouts.

SHOJI OGUMA

Born on July 22, 1951 . . . Height: 5'4" . . . Managed by Sinchiro Kimura . . . Southpaw . . . Turned pro in 1970 . . . After losing a 10-round decision to WBC champ Betulio Gonzalez in a non-title fight, Oguma was given a rematch, this time for the title . . . Five months later, Oguma became champion, winning a 15-round decision against Gonzalez . . . Lost the crown on decision to Canto three months later . . . Failed in a bid for the WBA title in April 1976, dropping a 15-round decision to Alfonso Lopez . . . Made two attempts to win Canto's title in 1978, but was turned back each time on decision . . . Was given two more title shots in 1979 against WBA king Betulio Gonzalez, but drew in the first and was stopped in round 12 in the second fight . . . Won the world crown from Chan-Hee Park in May, 1980 . . . He then made two successful defenses before losing to Antonio Avelar . . . The loss left him record at 36-9-1, including 20 knockouts.

GUSTAVO BALLAS

Born on February 10, 1958, in Villa Maria, Argentina . . . Amateur record: 26-1 . . . Trained by Francisco Bermudez . . . Turned pro in 1976 . . . Fought nine fights in 1977, 10 in 1978, 11 in 1979 and 12 in 1980 . . . All 10 victories in 1978 were via 10-round decision . . . Is currently undefeated in nearly 50 bouts . . . Excellent boxer . . . Brilliant counterpuncher, perhaps the best in the division . . . Not a devastating hitter . . . The lone blemish on his record came on August 24, 1979, when he drew over 10 rounds against fellow countryman Jose R. Narvaez, currently a world-rated bantamweight . . . Biggest victory was on November 3, 1979, a 10-round decision over Santos Laciar in Buenos Aires . . . 1982 should be his year to bring his impressive record into a world title fight.

FOR THE RECORD

THE NEXT bantamweight champion will be a Mexican. That is, if you believe in using history as a means of forecasting the future. For, according to the aggregate statistics, the odds are in favor of a boxer born south of the border being the world's bantamweight champion. No other country—outside of the United States—has produced as many world's champions in one division as has Mexico—10 Mexicans have won the bantamweight title since 1955, nearly 50% of all bantamweight champions in that period.

Americans dominated professional boxing world's championships from the start of the gloved era through 1960. But during the '60s and '70s, less than one-third of all world's champions have been born in the United States.

The flyweight division, once largely ruled by boxers from the British Isles, is now almost exclusively an Oriental affair. Yoshio Shirai became the first Oriental world champion of *any* division when he won the flyweight crown in 1952. Since then, 16 of the 23 flyweight champions have come from either Japan, Korea, the Philippines or Thailand. It is quite ironic that Mexico, which has produced so many great bantamweights, has had only three world's flyweight champions, especially since there is only a six pound weight difference between the two classes. Conversely, there have been only two Oriental boxers who have won world's bantamweight championships.

The heavyweight class has almost always been an American domain, and only on five occasions has the championship left United States soil—the last time being Ingemar Johansson's brief reign in 1959-60. The four other non-American heavyweight champions were Cornishman Bob Fitzsimmons, Canadian Tommy Burns, German Max Schmeling and Italian Primo Carnera. Of this quintet of foreign heavyweight champions, only Carnera competed in a heavyweight championship bout in his native country. He defended his title successfully against Paolino Uzcudun in Rome in 1933.

It would seem that a nation's fortune in the Olympic Games would generally mirror its success in professional boxing. But, with the exception of the United States—which has dominated the sport—this has not been true. European Iron Curtain countries have accounted for 37 of the 133 Olympic gold medals in boxing, but since they normally do not permit their athletes to compete professionally, there have only been four world's champions born in these countries. Did you know that there have been two world's champions who were born in Russia? Louis (Kid) Kaplan, featherweight champion from 1925-27 and his successor, Benny Bass, featherweight champion from 1927-28 and junior lightweight champion from 1929-31, both were American immigrants from Russia.

Mexico, which has produced 30 world's champions has only had two Olympic champions, Antonio Roldan and Ricardo Delgado—neither of whom was a bantamweight. Japan has had 19 world's champions but only one Olympic champion. And the Republic of Panama is the birthplace of 14 world's champions including Roberto Duran, Ismael Laguna, Enrique Pinder and Panama Al Brown—yet no Panamanian has ever won a *single bout* in the Olympic Games.

Boxing is one of the few truly international sports. No other individual sport is conducted in as many countries at such a high level of skill, and no other major professional sport has had world's champions from every continent—from countries as diverse as Senegal and Switzerland or Thailand and Tunisia.

But remember, in the next bantamweight bout you watch between a Mexican and a non-Mexican, take the Mexican; history is on your side.

JOHN GRASSO

CHAMPIONS' BIRTHPLACES
1891-1980

	JR. FLY	FLY	JR. BAN	BAN	JR. FEA	FEA	JR. LT	LT	JR. WEL	WEL	JR. MID	MID	LT. HVY	CRU	HVY	TOTAL WORLD	OLYM
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JAPAN	2	6	—	1	1	2	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	19	1
KOREA	1	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	9	0
N. KOREA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1
PHILIPPINES	—	4	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	10	0
THAILAND	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	0
TOTAL ASIA	**4**	**16**	**6**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**7**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**44**	**1**
EUROPE																	
AUSTRIA	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	0
BELGIUM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1
BULGARIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	3
DENMARK	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
E. GERMANY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	2
FINLAND	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	2
FRANCE	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	7	3
GERMANY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	4	4
GT. BRITAIN	—	12	—	4	—	2	—	3	1	4	1	4	3	—	1	35	12
ENGLAND	—	8	—	4	—	2	—	—	1	4	1	4	3	—	1	28	
SCOTLAND	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
WALES	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
GREECE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	0
HUNGARY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	9
IRELAND	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	2	—	—	7	0
ITALY	1	1	—	3	—	1	1	—	3	2	3	2	—	—	1	18	11
NETHERLANDS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1
NORWAY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1
POLAND	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	8
RUMANIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1
SPAIN	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	0
SWEDEN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	0
SWITZERLAND	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0
USSR	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	12
YUGOSLAVIA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1
TOTAL EUROPE	**1**	**16**	**0**	**11**	**0**	**9**	**2**	**6**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**9**	**11**	**0**	**4**	**90**	**72**
NORTH AMERICA																	
BAHAMAS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	0
BARBADOS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	0
CANADA	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	9	2
CUBA	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	8	6
DOMINICAN REP.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0
MEXICO	2	3	—	10	—	6	2	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	30	2
NICARAGUA	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	0
PANAMA	2	2	—	3	1	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	14	0
U.S.A.	—	6	—	24	4	26	9	27	12	40	4	36	25	2	27	242	33
MAINLAND	—	5	—	22	3	26	7	25	10	37	4	34	24	1	27	225	—
HAWAII	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—
PUERTO RICO	—	—	—	2	1	—	2	2	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	12	0
VIRGIN IS.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	0
TOTAL N. AMER.	**4**	**12**	**0**	**39**	**5**	**41**	**13**	**34**	**13**	**49**	**6**	**37**	**26**	**2**	**28**	**309**	**43**
OCEANIA																	
AUSTRALIA	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	6	0
NEW ZEALAND	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
TOTAL OCEANIA	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**1**
SOUTH AMERICA																	
ARGENTINA	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	8	7
BRAZIL	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	0
COLOMBIA	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	0
VENEZUELA	1	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	8	1
TOTAL S. AMER	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**23**	**8**
TOTAL CHAMPS	**10**	**49**	**1**	**59**	**10**	**59**	**23**	**42**	**26**	**58**	**20**	**53**	**42**	**2**	**32**	**486**	**133**

COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST CHAMPIONS
1891-1980

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT (10 CHAMPIONS)
2—JAPAN. 2—MEXICO. 2—PANAMA
FLYWEIGHT (49 CHAMPIONS)
8—ENGLAND. 6—JAPAN. 5—U.S.A
JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT (1 CHAMPION)
1—VENEZUELA
BANTAMWEIGHT (59 CHAMPIONS)
22—U.S.A. 10—MEXICO. 4—ENGLAND
JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT (10 CHAMPIONS)
3—U.S.A. 2—KOREA. 1—ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, JAPAN, PANAMA, PUERTO RICO
FEATHERWEIGHT (59 CHAMPIONS)
26—U.S.A. 6—MEXICO. 3—PANAMA
JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT (23 CHAMPIONS)
7—U.S.A. 4—JAPAN. 3—PHILIPPINES
LIGHTWEIGHT (42 CHAMPIONS)
25—U.S.A. 4—MEXICO. 2—PANAMA, PUERTO RICO, SCOTLAND
JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT (26 CHAMPIONS)
10—U.S.A. 3—ITALY. 2—PHILIPPINES, SPAIN
WELTERWEIGHT (58 CHAMPIONS)
37—U.S.A. 4—CUBA. 4—ENGLAND
JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT (20 CHAMPIONS)
4—U.S.A. 3—ITALY. 2—BRAZIL, JAPAN, KOREA
MIDDLEWEIGHT (53 CHAMPIONS)
34—U.S.A. 4—ENGLAND. 2—ARGENTINA, ITALY
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT (42 CHAMPIONS)
24—U.S.A. 3—ENGLAND. 2—ARGENTINA, IRELAND
CRUISERWEIGHT (2 CHAMPIONS)
1—U.S.A. 1—PUERTO RICO
HEAVYWEIGHT (32 CHAMPIONS)
27—U.S.A. 1—CANADA, ENGLAND, GERMANY, ITALY, SWEDEN

TOTAL WORLD CHAMPIONS
225—U.S.A. 30—MEXICO. 28—ENGLAND. 19—JAPAN. 18—ITALY. 14—PANAMA. 12—PUERTO RICO. 10—PHILIPPINES. 9—CANADA. 9—KOREA

TOTAL OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS
33—U.S.A. 12—GREAT BRITAIN, 12—U.S.S.R. 11—ITALY. 9—HUNGARY. 8—POLAND. 7—ARGENTINA. 6—CUBA. 6—SOUTH AFRICA. 4—GERMANY

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN-BORN CHAMPIONS
1891-1980

DIVISION	1891-00		1901-10		1911-20		1921-30		1931-40		1941-50		1951-60		1961-70		1971-80		TOTALS	
	USA	FOR	USA	FOR	USA	FOR	USA	FOR	USA	FOR	USA	FOR	USA	FOR	USA	FOR	USA	FOR	USA	FOR
JR. FLYWEIGHT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	10	0	10	
FLYWEIGHT	—	—	—	—	0	5	5	4	0	6	1	3	0	3	0	11	0	11	6	43
JR. BANTAMWEIGHT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1	0	1	
BANTAMWEIGHT	3	3	5	4	2	3	5	2	5	1	2	1	0	6	0	5	2	10	24	35
JR. FEATHERWEIGHT	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	4	6
FEATHERWEIGHT	2	6	2	0	1	0	2	5	9	2	6	2	1	1	1	6	2	11	26	33
JR. LIGHTWEIGHT	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	2	7	9	14
LIGHTWEIGHT	1	1	3	1	2	1	5	0	5	0	3	1	4	1	2	3	2	7	27	15
JR. WELTERWEIGHT	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	1	1	0	1	1	2	6	3	5	12	14
WELTERWEIGHT	6	0	5	2	3	4	5	1	3	3	3	0	6	2	4	2	5	4	40	18
JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	1	12	4	16
MIDDLEWEIGHT	1	2	2	0	6	2	5	0	9	4	4	1	5	1	2	4	1	4	35	18
LT. HEAVYWEIGHT	—	—	1	3	2	1	2	3	8	2	2	2	1	0	5	1	4	5	25	17
CRUISERWEIGHT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0	2	0
HEAVYWEIGHT	3	1	2	1	2	0	1	0	4	2	1	0	3	1	5	0	6	0	27	5
TOTALS	16	13	20	11	18	16	38	18	47	22	24	10	22	17	24	45	32	93	241	245

Notes—Boxers born in Hawaii, Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands are included in USA totals. Champions who rewon titles are included only once in each division. Men holding titles in more than one division are included once in each division. The champion's birthplace determines whether classified as USA or Foreign even though boxer may have been a naturalized citizen of the USA.

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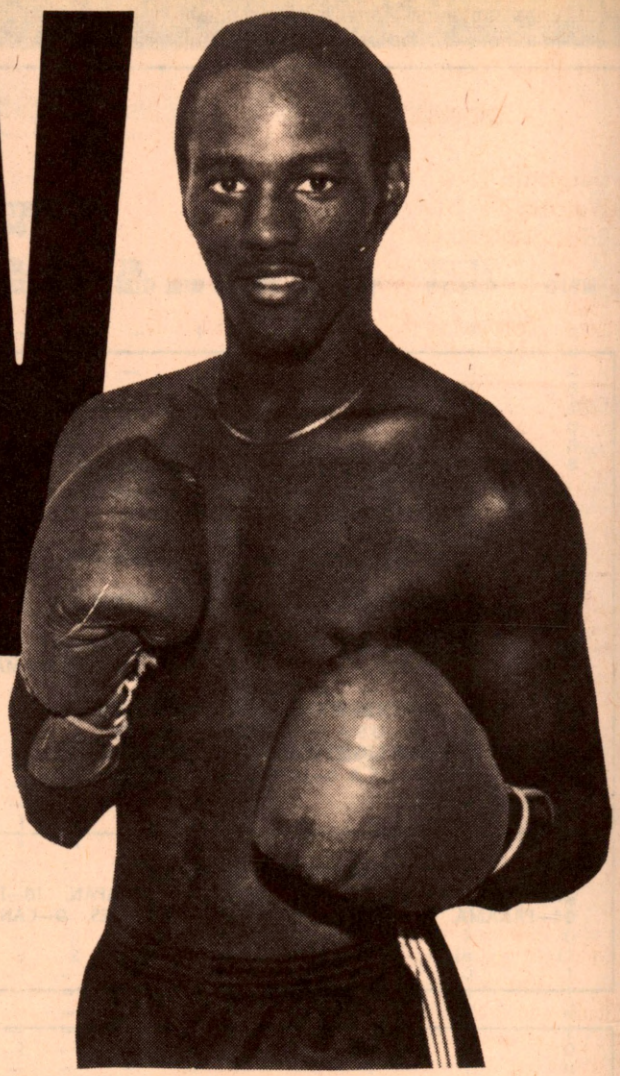


DONALD CURRY

The last name is familiar. Big brother Bruce had a lot to do with that. Now it's up to Donald to make the name famous.

Curry. Donald Curry. Donald "The Cobra" Curry. Remember the name. You'll be hearing a lot about him.

Eighteen months from now, perhaps even next year at this time, the welterweight division's household names—Thomas Hearns, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran and Pipino Cuevas—will either have left boxing or the welterweight division for a higher weight division and will have been replaced by former "New Faces" Milton McCrory, Bobby Joe Young, Marlon Starling, Davey Moore and Donald Curry. Look at the names and remember them. They're the immediate future of the welterweight division.

Donald Curry, who celebrated his 20th birthday a few days ago, might be the most talented fighter of the group. Though he doesn't hit as hard as McCrory, he's faster than Kronk's "Iceman". Though he's not the defensive wizard Starling is, he punches much harder than Connecticut's "Magic Man". Curry specializes or excels in no one area of prizefighting. He does everything. And he does everything well.

As Donald was growing up, he watched as Bruce dreamed of being a professional world champion, working hard at trying to make his dreams come true. A knockout loss last month may have ended his dreams. But the Curry family may yet have itself a champion. Donald is becoming more awesome each fight, obviously having picked up dreaming where Bruce left off.

And dreams sometimes turn to reality.

It was through the encouragement and urging of Bruce that Donald became interested in boxing. He had his first amateur fight before he was 10. By the time he was through as an amateur, he had won over 400 fights, losing only four times.

Championships in the 1977 Junior Olympics, in the 1978 and 1979 AAU's, in the 1980 Golden Gloves and in the 1980 World Cup Games in Kenya, are some of the more impressive awards Curry garnered during his years as a amateur. The *most* impressive of Curry's amateur trophies, belts and medals, however, is Curry's victory in the Olympic Trials in 1980. Had the United States competed in the Moscow Games, Curry would have been the team welterweight representative. Chances are, he would have returned to the U.S. with a gold medal.

"I was broken-hearted that the U.S. didn't compete in the Olympics," said Curry. "I was broken-hearted and extremely mad. A lot of guys on the team felt the same way."

Soon after the Olympics, Curry turned professional, with Texas businessman David Gorman as his manager. Knockout victory followed knockout victory followed knockout victory. At press time, Curry had fought seven times. None of the opponents survived until the final bell.

"Donald has a great feel for fighting," said Gorman. "If a fighter makes a mistake, even the slightest one, Donald makes him pay heavily for it. He counterpunches like a master. He's a sharpshooter, hitting his target almost as he pleases."

One year from now, the welterweight division is going to be boxing's hottest, brightest, most exciting division. One of the reasons

will be top contender Donald Curry, a champion of tomorrow, and a brilliant, thrilling "New Face" today.

DONALD CURRY

Height: 5'10½"
Weight: 147 pounds
Born: September 7, 1961

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Dec. 26	Marty Tenio	Las Vegas	KO 1

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 16	Juan Ramirez	San Antonio	KO 2
Feb. 26	Jerry Reyes	Las Vegas	KO 2
Mar. 26	Rigoberto Lopez	Las Vegas	KO 2
Apr. 23	Danny Favella	Ft. Worth	KO 5
May 28	Joe Moliere	Las Vegas	KO 1
July 2	Eddie Campbell	Atlantic City	KO 6

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
7	7	0	0	7

FELIX CASTILLO

There has not been an American world flyweight champion since 1929, when New York's Willie LaMorte won the crown. Going into 1981, most experts believed this would be the year when, at long last, the United States would have the smallest champion in boxing, as well as the biggest.

However, the two men counted on most to bring home world titles—Joey Olivo and Willie Jensen—were knocked out in their respective challenges against world titleholders. In February, Olivo was stopped by Hilario Zapata in round 13. In August, Jensen was halted in the 13th round by super flyweight king Chul-Ho Kim.

Now, a new title threat is rapidly being developed in San Antonio, Texas, one who promises not to fail when the opportunity arises to fight for a world title. His name is Felix Castillo.

"Castillo is a complete fighter," said manager-trainer Tony Ayala, Sr., who has a reputation of molding tough youngsters into tough young fighters.

"He has exceptional hand speed, even for a flyweight. He can counterpunch with the best. He delivers punches in combination and he can take a punch. He's no more than a year away from fighting for the flyweight title," said the man whose two sons, junior middleweight Tony and junior featherweight Mike, are also title-bound.

Boxing is something that has been in Castillo's blood from the start, his father having boxed as a professional. Felix had his first amateur fight at nine. His most impressive amateur fight was one he lost.

In September 1979, he faced Cuba's 1976 Olympic Godl Medalist, Jorge Hernandez. The fight, held in Cuba, saw Hernandez edge Castillo in a punch-filled first-round, drop the second in a similar round, then come on to capture the final round as Castillo tired.

"I learned a big lesson from that fight," said southpaw Castillo. "You have never seen me run out of gas since then. You never will, either."

One of the things you will never see Tony Ayala, Sr., do is match Castillo against a "stiff."

"I don't believe in doing that," said the elder Ayala. "A fighter doesn't learn by stepping in the ring against a man who either doesn't fight back or can't fight back due to lack of skill. I don't match any of my fighters against stiffs." And that includes his sons.

Castillo is not one to complain about or question who his next opponent is. A perfect example happened last November 20. Castillo had joined stablemate Tony Ayala, Jr., on a fight card in Totowa, New Jersey. Because no local flyweight opponent could be found, matchmaker Dan Duva began looking for a bantamweight to oppose Castillo. Duva couldn't come up with anybody in that weight class, either. Finally, he found Tim Daniels, a featherweight-junior lightweight. Castillo didn't complain about the size difference. He merely walked out and beat up Daniels, winning a one-sided six-round decision.

"Castillo is ready for world-class opposition right now," claims Ayala. "I don't want Castillo merely fighting for a title in the next year. I want him winning one."

Watching the talented guy in action, it appears that a flyweight champion will have to come up with a heavyweight effort to keep Castillo from winning the title.

FELIX CASTILLO

Height: 5'6"
Weight: 112 pounds
Born: December 30, 1960
Amateur Record: 186-12

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
May 20	Jose Salas	San Antonio	KO 4
June 17	Joel Laredo	San Antonio	W 6
July 28	Javier Jimenez	Savinas Coah., Mexico	KO 3
Aug. 2	Rosalio Guillen	San Antonio	KO 1
Oct. 7	Juan Bernal	Piedras Negras	KO 4
Nov. 7	Armando Hilario	San Antonio	KO 2
Nov. 20	Tim Daniels	Totowa	W 6
Dec. 8	Antonio Vineças	Savinas Coah., Mexico	KO 7

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 16	Elias DeLeon	San Antonio	KO 4
Apr. 25	Jose Torres	Phoenix	W 8
Aug. 4	Benito Guajardo	San Antonio	KO 4

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
11	11	0	0	8

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

M. SPINKS-MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD
WBA Light Heavyweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—For the first five rounds, it looked as if Eddie Mustafa Muhammad might retain his WBA light heavyweight title against top challenger Michael Spinks.

But, in the fifth round, Spinks, the Olympic Gold Medalist and brother of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, showed the stuff of which champions are made.

Michael totally dominated the last 10 rounds of the title bout, dealing Muhammad a constant barrage of uppercuts, overhand lefts, and shots to the body that had the champion reeling and writhing, and destined to lose his title.

Muhammad, at 175, and Spinks, at 173¾, gave fans an action-packed battle, full of surprises and unorthodox action.

Muhammad was in command until the fifth round, dealing lefts and combinations nearly at will. Every time Spinks attempted to counterpunch, Mustafa tied him up in a clinch. Referee Richard Green had his hands full, constantly breaking the fighters.

Mustafa also employed the strange tactic of ducking his head between his opponent's legs to avoid taking punches.

Mustafa constantly crowded his opponent, as he forced him to the ropes in the third round and staggered him with combinations in the fourth.

But in the fifth round, the action turned around, and it was Michael Spinks' fight until the final bell.

Spinks took the offensive at the opening of the fifth, working mostly with his left and dealing Muhammad every conceivable type of punch—overhands, uppercuts, and shots to the head and body.

In the sixth round, Spinks inflicted a severe cut over Muhammad's right eye. By the eighth round, the eye was swollen shut, and the agonized champion spent the remaining rounds looking out of his left eye, vainly trying to protect his injured right.

Spinks constantly worked to the cut over Mustafa's right eye, meanwhile dealing him some lethal jabs to the midsection.

The champion was forced to a defensive fight, and spent the latter rounds with his gloves over his face in a manner reminiscent of Ken Norton. Muhammad managed a flurry of punches at the end of the eighth, but they did no damage to the fired-up Spinks.

In the 12th round, Spinks sent Muhammad to the canvas with two lefts and a right. The champion barely beat the 10 count, and once on his feet, he was pinned to the ropes—as Spinks battered away with lefts and rights.

From the moment of the knockdown, Muhammad was a beaten champion, trying vainly to hold on with defensive maneuvers and counterpunches.

In the end, it was a wide-margin unanimous decision for Spinks, who boosted his unbeaten record to 17-0 and emerged as the new WBA light heavyweight champion.

Scoring was: Duane Ford, 146-138; Lou Tabat, 144-140; Charles Minker, 145-139.

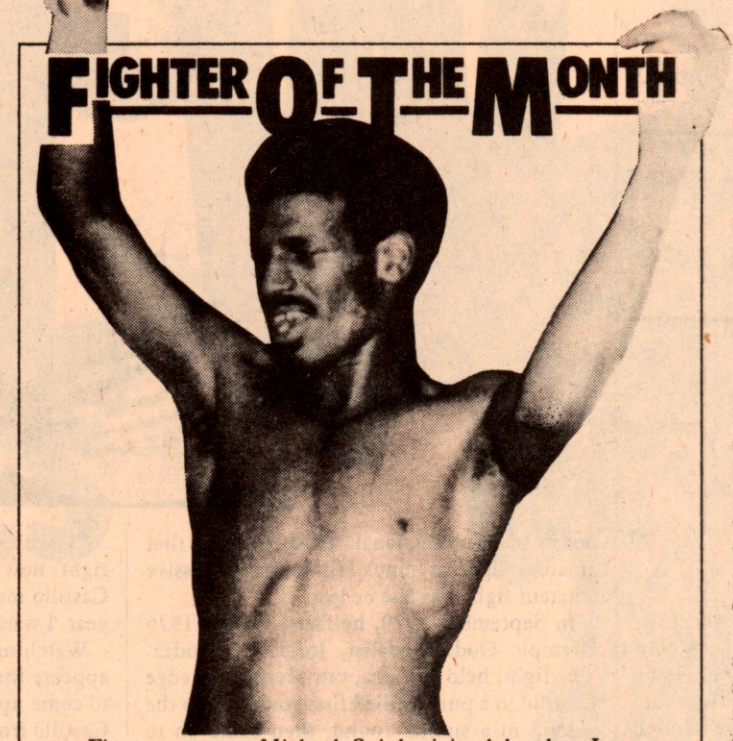
After the bout, the jubilant new champion stated, "I tried to keep everything under control and stay out of his range. Mustafa is a veteran, and I'm surprised he was as strong as he was. He didn't hurt me at all with his punches to the body. I just dogged him and wore him out."

"After the sixth round, I was aiming for his eye. In fact, I was aiming for anyplace above his neck," jested Spinks. And he concluded: "I feel so good. I wanted this so bad!"

Mustafa Muhammad, beaten and bitter, complained that Spinks had fouled him repeatedly. "He was always sticking his thumbs and elbow into my eye," he moaned. "But the referee didn't do anything about it. You can't beat an Olympic hero in America. They build him up so he can't lose!" (An assertion not true in light of the many losses of Michael's heavyweight brother, Leon, also an Olympic Gold Medalist.)

Michael Spinks declared he hoped to meet WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad in his next bout. "I want to fight him and unify the title," said the new WBA champion.

Saad Muhammad, who was in Mustafa's corner during the bout, invaded the post-fight press conference, hurling insults at the new champion and stating that he thought Mustafa had won the bout. Spinks was un-



Five years ago, Michael Spinks joined brother Leon, Sugar Ray Leonard, Howard Davis, Jr., and Leo Randolph in winning a gold medal at the 1976 Olympiad in Montreal. Spinks, then a skinny 165-pounder, grew into a skinny 175-pounder. As skinny as was Bob Foster before him and seemingly just as talented. In beating Eddie Mustafa Muhammad for the WBA Light Heavyweight title, Spinks proved to the world that the gold he had won in Montreal had not tarnished. That indeed he was a golden warrior, not a tin soldier.

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

It should come as no surprise to readers of *The Ring* that we hardly hold the WBC and WBA ratings in high esteem—despite the fact that they themselves may well view them as purer than Ivory Soap by 56/100 per cent.

However, *The Ring* is not alone in taking issue with the wishful stink known as the ratings of these two self-serving organizations. Several articles by well-known writers around the country have begun to question the ratings put out by these boxing experts with pockets. And, just recently, one of the three networks went to a new organization, The International Boxing Writers Association, to gain their permission to use their ratings during fights the network was telecasting.

The IBWA, rather than supplying their own ratings, suggested instead that the network utilize those printed in *The Ring*. And, in their very first newsletter they went even further, "urging members to adopt *The Ring* Ratings," in what they called "an effort to diminish the influence of the WBA and WBC . . ."

Others have also taken up the clairon call to cleaner ratings. One sportswriter, Stephen Garfield of the Littleton (N.J.) *Courier*, writes, "It is not even necessary to compare the credibility of *Ring's* ratings to those offered by the WBC and WBA . . . I propose that (everyone) adopt the ratings of *Ring* Magazine. In this way, these two sick jokes who masquerade as boxing experts would become a bad memory . . ." Another writer, Chuck Stogel of the Gannett chain, wrote, ". . . The best step forward has been taken by *The Ring* Magazine which is publishing a monthly ratings list for 12 weight classes that is compiled by balloting from more than 50 'authorities' across the five major continents. It is these ratings that the Associated Press has chosen to send to its subscribers. The wire does not carry the rankings of either the WBA or WBC."

But these boxing "experts" are not alone. Red Smith calls the WBA "meddling boobs," Dick Young, their ratings "a joke" and dozens upon dozens of other top sportswriters—and almost all of the fans—see them for what they really are: Organizations that know more and more about less and less. When the majority finally sees through them—and their ratings—boxing can free itself from their albatrosic presence and regain its credibility. Until that time, we offer *The Ring* Ratings as a starter.

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

From the October, 1956 issue of The Ring.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Vacant
1. Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
4. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5. Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
6. Eddie Machen, Redding, Calif.
7. John Holman, Chicago, Ill.
8. Harold Carter, Linden, N.J.
9. Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, Mich.
10. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio
1. Duilio Loi, Italy
2. Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
3. Jimmy Carter, New York, N.Y.
4. Larry Boardman, Marlboro, Conn.
5. Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich.
6. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
7. Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.
8. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
9. Ludwig Lightburn, British Honduras
10. Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
2. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
3. Hans Stretz, Germany
4. Chuck Spieser, Lansing, Mich.
5. Gordon Wallace, Canada
6. Willi Hoepner, Germany
7. Tony Anthony, New York, N.Y.
8. Charles Colin, France
9. Willi Besmanoff, Germany
10. Dogmar Martinez, Uruguay

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
2. Fred Galiana, Spain
3. Cherif Hamia, France
4. Flash Elorde, Philippines
5. Paul Jorgensen, Port Arthur, Texas
6. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
7. Ciro Moracen, Cuba
8. Ike Chestnut, New York, N.Y.
9. Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela
10. Miguel Berrios, Puerto Rico

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
1. Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
2. Bobby Boyd, Chicago, Ill.
3. Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N.Y.
4. Charley Humez, France
5. Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
6. Charley Joseph, New Orleans, La.
7. Rory Calhoun, White Plains, N.Y.
8. Neal Rivers, Las Vegas, Nevada
9. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
10. Joey Giambra, Buffalo, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Mario D'Agata, Italy
1. Raton Macias, Mexico
2. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Robert Cohen, France
4. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
5. Jose Lopez, Mexico
6. Alphonse Halimi, France
7. Tanny Campo, Philippines
8. Ricardo Moreno, Mexico
9. Jean Renard, Belgium
10. Kevin James, Australia

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1. Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
2. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
3. Isaac Logart, Cuba
4. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
5. Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Vince Martinez, Paterson, N.J.
7. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Clarence (Duke) Harris, Detroit, Mich.
9. Emilio Marconi, Italy
10. Darby Brown, Australia

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Memo Diez, Mexico
2. Dai Dower, Wales
3. Young Martin, Spain
4. Hitoshi Misako, Japan
5. Danny Kid, Philippines
6. Aristide Pozzali, Italy
7. Bindi Jack, Australia
8. Robert Pollazon, France
9. Jake Tuli, South Africa
10. Oscar Suarez, Cuba

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
3 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
4 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
5 **Leon Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
6 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
8 **James (Quick) Tillis** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
9 **Marty Monroe** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **John Tate** . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Renaldo Snipes, 12. Randall (Tex) Cobb, 13. Bernardo Mercado, 14. Tim Witherspoon, 15. Jimmy Young, 16. Pinklon Thomas, 17. Stan Ward, 18. Scott LeDoux, 19. Lynn Ball

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD** . . . . Phila., Pa.
1 **Michael Spinks*** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
2 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Jerry Martin** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
5 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **Dwight Braxton** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Marvin Camel** . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
9 **Mustapha Wasajja** . . . . . Denmark
10 **Murray Sutherland** . . . . . Bay City, Mich.

11. Jerry Celestine, 12. Lotte Mwale, 13. Vonzell Johnson, 14. S.T. Gordon, 15. Bashiru Ali, 16. Yaqui Lopez, 17. Tony Mundine, 18. Young Joe Louis, 19. Jesse Burnett

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
2 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3 **Alan Minter** . . . . . England
4 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Vito Antuofermo** . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
6 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
7 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Robbie Epps** . . . . . Clovis, N. Mex.
10 **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England

11. Vinnie Curto, 12. Ray Seales, 13. Ronnie Harris, 14. Mike Colbert, 15. Ernie Singletary, 16. Norberto Sabater, 17. William "Caveman" Lee, 18. Chong-Pal Park, 19. Marcos Geraldo, 20. Bernard Mays, 21. Jose Macias, 22. Bobby Czyz

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD* . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Wilfred Benitez**** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2 **Ayub Kalule** . . . . . Uganda
3 **Maurice Hope** . . . . . England
4 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
5 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** . . . . . San Antonio, Tex.
6 **Charlie Weir** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
8 **Walter Gomez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Kenny Bristol** . . . . . Guyana
10 **Gary Guiden** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.

11. Nino Gonzalez, 12. Rocky Fratto, 13. Bruce Johnson, 14. Tony Braxton, 15. Tyrone Rackley, 16. Clemente Tshinza, 17. Wayne Caplette, 18. Rocky Mosley, 19. Carlos Santos, 20. Tidashi Mihara, 21. Odell Leonard, 22. Clint Jackson

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Thomas Hearns*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
4 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
5 **Pete Ranzany** . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.
6 **Adolfo Viruet** . . . . . Hoboken, N.J.
7 **Bruce Finch** . . . . . Milwaukee, Wisc.
8 **Milton McCrory** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
9 **Luis Primera** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Roger Stafford** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Babs McCarthy, 12. Carlos Santos, 13. Pepe Dominguez, 14. Greg Stephens, 15. Harold Volbrecht, 16. Davey Moore, 17. Larry Bonds, 18. Marlon Starling, 19. Colin Jones, 20. Chung-Jae Hwang

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . France
3 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
4 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
5 **Lennox Blackmoore** . . . . . Guyana
6 **Domingo Ayala** . . . . . Puerto Rico
7 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.
8 **Monroe Brooks** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada
10 **Johnny Bumphus** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.

11. Steve Hearon, 12. Bruce Curry, 13. Obisia Nwankpa, 14. Sal Lopez, 15. Cristobal Torres, 16. Jorge Morales, 17. Juan Jose Gimenez, 18. Mark Ibanez, 19. Roberto Alfaro, 20. Hugo Luero, 21. Termite Watkins, 22. Thomas Americo, 23. Steve Early, 24. Antonio Guinaldo, 25. Hugo Quartapelle

How *The Ring* International Ratings Panel works: Boxing authorities from all five major continents have submitted their ballots—marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under *The Ring*'s champion—to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions as of August 11, 1981. Their ballots were then weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

(AS OF AUGUST 11, 1981)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)

***WBA champion** ****WBC champion**

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO** . . . . . Coral Gables, Fla.
1 **Sean O'Grady*** . . . . . Oklahoma City, Ok.
2 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
4 **Jim Watt** . . . . . Scotland
5 **Rodolfo Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
7 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
8 **Roberto Elizondo** . . . . . Corpus Christi, Texas
9 **Gonzallo Montellano** . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Ray Mancini** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio

11. Curtis Harris, 12.Ernesto Espana, 13. Edwin Viruet, 14. Andy Ganigan, 15. Jorge Morales, 16. James Busceme, 17. Herman Montes, 18. Jose Luis Ramirez, 19. Orlando Romero, 20. Joey Gibilisco, 21. Barry Michael

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards**** . . . . . England
2 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Pacoima, Calif.
4 **Yasutsune Uehara** . . . . . Japan
5 **Ildelfonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Leonel Hernandez** . . . . . Venezuela
7 **Rolando Navarette** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
8 **Johnny Sato** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
9 **John Verderosa** . . . . . Staten Island, N.Y.
10 **Carlos Pinango** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Patrick Ford 12. Greg Coverson, 13. Frankie Baltazar, 14. Johnny Aba, 15. Jorge Alvarado, 16. Enrique Maxwell. 17. Mario Vizcaya, 18. Leonardo Moreno, 19. Victor Echegaray, 20. Alfredo Paiva, 21. Il-Bok Lee, 22. Hector Cortez, 23. Tony Santana, 24. Armando Perez

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
4 **Gustavo Salgado** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
8 **Patrick Ford** . . . . . Guyana
9 **Mario Miranda** . . . . . Colombia
10 **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England

11. Paul Ferrari, 12. Roberto Rubaldino, 13. Roberto Castanon, 14. Francisco Manzo, 15. Juan Malvarez, 16. Augustin Martinez, 17. Nicky Perez, 18. Freddie Roach, 19. Guillermo Morales, 20. Royal Kobayashi, 21. Kelvin Lampkin, 22. Alcibiades Blandon, 23. Bernard Taylor

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Sergio Palma*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
3 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
5 **Carmelo Negron** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
6 **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
8 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
10 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . Korea

11. Lupe Pintor, 12. Roberto Rubaldino, 13. Derrik Holmes, 14. Jose Cervantes, 15. Carlos Mendoza, 16. Juan Antonio Lopez, 17. Oscar Muniz, 18. Julio Saba, 19. Ric Diamale

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Albert Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
5 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Jorge Lujan** . . . . . Panama
7 **Chul-Ho Kim** . . . . . Korea
8 **Jose R. Narvaez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Johnny Carter** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
10 **Rafael Orono** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Hurricane Teru, 12. Carlos Bejarano, 13. Jaime Garza, 14. Miguel Iriarte, 15. Jovito Rengifo, 16. Weilile Nkosinkula, 17. Ramon Soria, 18. Fred Jackson, 19. Ronald Sumalis, 20. Seung-Hoon Lee

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO AVELAR** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
2 **Luis Ibarra*** . . . . . Panama
3 **Hwan Jin Kim** . . . . . Korea
4 **Betulio Gonzalez** . . . . . Venezuela
5 **Charlie Magri** . . . . . England
6 **Gustavo Ballas** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Santos Laciar** . . . . . Argentina
8 **Willie Jensen** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
9 **Peter Mathebula** . . . . . South Africa
10 **Pedro Flores** . . . . . Mexico

11. Candido Tellez, 12. German Torres, 13. Shoji Oguma, 14. Joey Olivo, 15. Reinaldo Becerra, 16. Gabriel Bernal, 17. Miguel Canto, 18. Eleoncio Mercedes, 19. Tae-Shik Kim, 20. Stephen Muchoki, 21. Orlando Maldonado

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perturbed by the jibes, and declared that he was ready to meet Saad Muhammad any time he was ready to sign.

The title card was a co-production of Tiffany Productions and Butch Lewis Enterprises. It was the first bout ever held at the Imperial Palace on the Las Vegas Strip—a hotel totally disorganized and unprepared for a major boxing bout.

Marvin Shuler, 152, scored TKO over John Morgan, 155¾, as referee Joe Curtis stopped the bout at 2:29 of the second round in a scheduled six-rounder.

James Shuler, 159, stopped Kenny Hodge, 162, at 2:30 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Billy Costello, 139, brought his unbeaten record to 18-0 with a unanimous eight-round decision over Resendo Ramirez, 139. Scoring was: Duane Ford, 80-71; Charles Minker, 80-71; Lou Tabat, 80-72. Referee: Harry Krause.

Eddie Davis, 174, stopped Jesse Avila, 171, at 2:47 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight-rounder. Referee: John Worth.

Pete McIntyre, 179, kayoed James Williams, 172, at 0:47 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

(07-18-81) *SHIRLEY NORMAN*

KIM-FLORES
WBA Junior Flyweight Title

TAEGU, KOREA—Unbeaten Hwan-Jin Kim, Korea, staged a tremendous rally to stop Pedro Flores, Mexico, at 1:51 of round 13 at Teagu Indoor Gymnasium and win the WBA junior flyweight title.

The 30-year old Flores was a heavy favorite against the untested Kim, but he came in at just 105½. Kim, 27, weighed 107¼.

The 5'4" Flores kept his guard tight in the first round, studying the 5'3" challenger and throwing an occasional left jab. Kim was relying on his tricky footwork and some jolting left hooks. It was even.

In the second session, Kim got inside of the champ and scored with his favorite combination—left hook, right cross, and left uppercut. Flores lacked his usual zip, speed, and snap.

Kim took every round from the second through the ninth. Whenever Pedro came forward, Hwan-Jin crossed him up with lateral movement. He seemed just too fast for Flores—until round 10.

The Korean challenger's busy footwork came to a halt in that session, and Flores came on to punish him with blistering attacks. It was the same in the 11th and the 12th rounds. Kim seemed like he was all through.

The 13th frame started out the same way, with Flores battering Kim in the first minute. Then, all of a sudden, Kim turned loose with a terrific rally, furiously banging the champ form all angles. One-twos, left hooks, right uppercuts, left uppercuts. Flores was groggy, his back to the ropes, when he raised his gloves high in surrender.

American referee Chuck Hassett promptly raised Hwan-Jin's hand.

There were some protests concerning the ref's action, many stating that he should have given the champ a standing eight-count first. But neither Flores nor his manager, Lupe Sanchez (who also pilots Pipino Cuevas) made objections. Flores seemed like a good loser.

Kim is now 19-0-2 with nine kayoes. Flores is 15-7 with four knockouts.

Jorge de Jesus Ortega, 114¾, a Flores sparring partner, outscored former OPBF junior bantamweight champ Yung-Shik Kim, 116¼, 10.

Dong-Ki Shin, 110, outpointed Ki-Young Lee, 108, six.

Ki-Soo Chung, 140½, knocked out Chong-Yul Lim, 140, in 1:05 of the third round of their scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Do-Box Cha, 118¼, outpointed Son-Ryong Zui, also 118¼. Chang-Shik Park, 123, outscored Sang-Dae Lee, 122½. Won-Koo Lee, 111¾, outpointed Kyon-Zo Choi, 112½, in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kuk-Dong Promotions.

(07-19-81) *JOE Y. KOIZUMI*

CHANDLER-SOLIS
World Bantamweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Who say the little guys can't punch? Not Julian Solis, that's for sure. He was the unfortunate recipient of a beautiful right to the side of the chin that immediately cast him in the reluctant role of straight man in one of championship boxing's rarest occurrances—a clean, one-punch knockout. The perpetrator of this artistic piece of fisticuffs was WBA bantamweight champ "Joltin' " Jeff Chandler, who tallied the third defense of his belt—originally won from Solis last year—at 2:58 of the seventh round.

> Impressing the network moguls was not the only pressure Chandler was feeling. A recent drug bust had his fans worried . . .

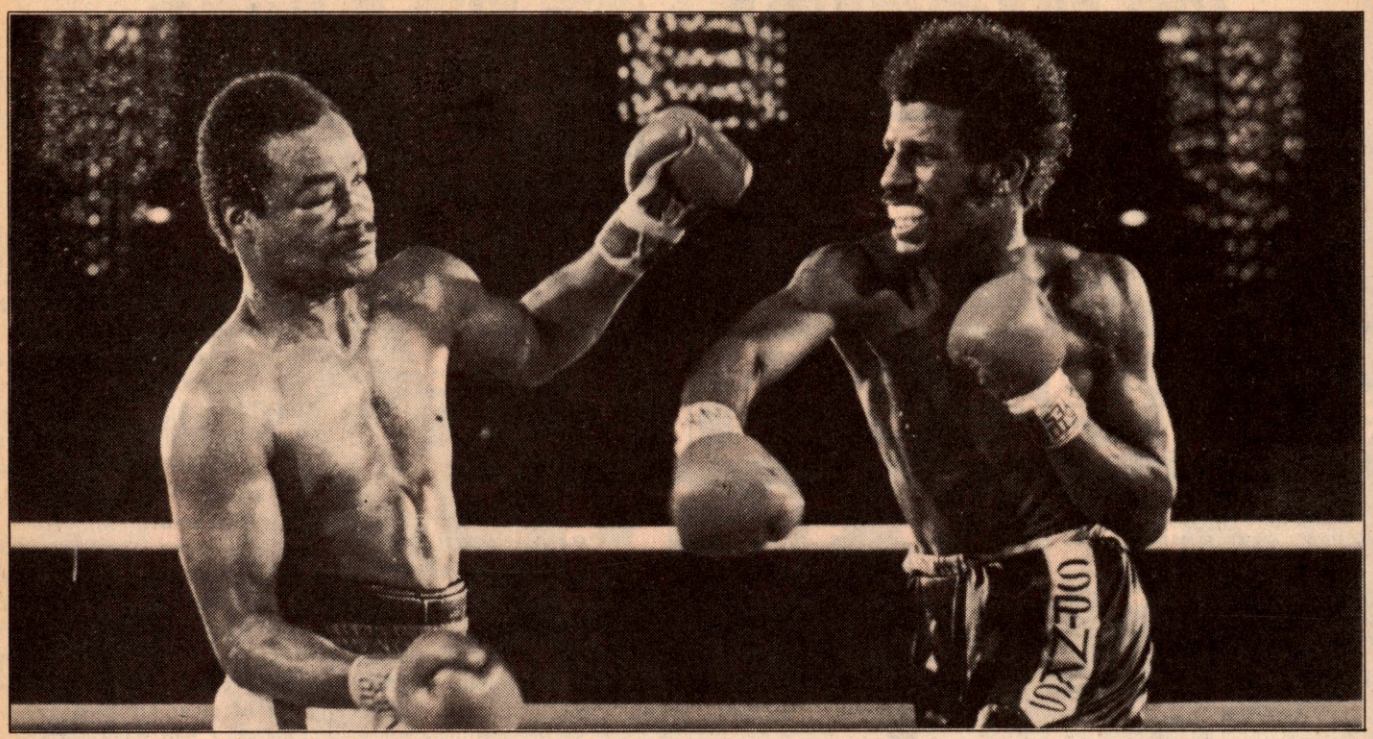
The Saturday bout, held in the nightclub setting of Resorts International's Superstar Theatre, was the first half of CBS-TV's bantamweight double-header to be held on successive afternoons. The idea was to test the ratings water for a possible unification match with WBC boss Lupe Pintor. Pintor went on to defend his crown against Jovito Rengifo the next day in Las Vegas. Both fights were good in their own way.

Impressing the network moguls was not the only pressure Chandler was feeling. A recent drug bust had his fans worried and the cynics rolling their eyeballs. This was not the sort of clean-cut image that Chandler had been fostering since the press first took notice of him several seasons ago. He was supposed to be the one Philly fighter who would not fall prey to the streets. Words like sensible and level-headed have often been used to describe the zipper-thin champion.

According to the police, Chandler was stopped for a traffic violation in the South Philly neighborhood where he lives and trains. Several bags of alleged cocaine and a small amount of marijuana supposedly fell out of his wallet while he was looking for his driver's licence. A court date has been set for September. Shades of Leon Spinks?

In spite all these hassles, Chandler said that his training and this fight would not be hampered. His highly professional performance against Solis seems to bear out his claim. In the ring, at least, Jeff is all business.

Until the seventh round fireworks, the fight had been less than thrilling. In fact, it often looked more like a tug-of-war than a prizefight. Solis, 117¼, seemed to think, as have many of Chandler's recent opponents, that the best way to fight him is to get close and hang on for dear life.



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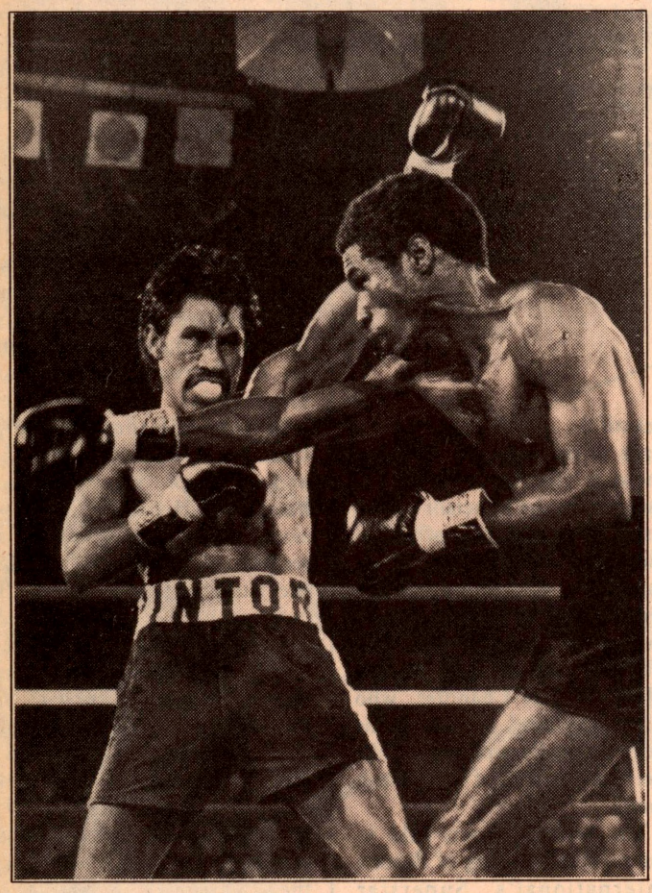
Above: Spinks took control in the fifth and the title at the end. Below: Rengifo was ahead until Pinto was declared the winner in the eighth frame. Opposite: Jeff Chandler "rights-off" Solis.



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Referee Tony Perez earned his money, frequently separating the combatants. In the second, he gave both of them a warning, although Chandler was more a victim than an accomplice.

"Can you believe he warned Jeff?" said Chandler's trainer, Nick Belfiore. "What was the guy looking at? Every time Solis got inside, he grabbed and held. If the two go toe-to-toe, it's over in four rounds."

To a limited extent, Solis was being effective. A sharp left-right made Chandler, 115¾, smile and grab in the second. The champion was also having trouble landing squarely on his slick challenger.

"He was difficult to hit, like always," Jeff admitted. "He's slippery, crafty, and all that."

The fourth round was Solis' best. He charged from his corner and connected with a right to the head, followed by two more of the same that made the sweat fly.

"They were clean shots, very good shots," said Chandler.

After that, it was back to bull and grab, and Solis never seriously threatened again.

Following a fairly pedestrian fifth, Chandler started to assert his authority in the sixth. He stuck to the game plan of pushing off and then quickly let rip with crisp punches before Julian could tie him up. The compact Puerto Rican was suddenly tiring fast and it showed.

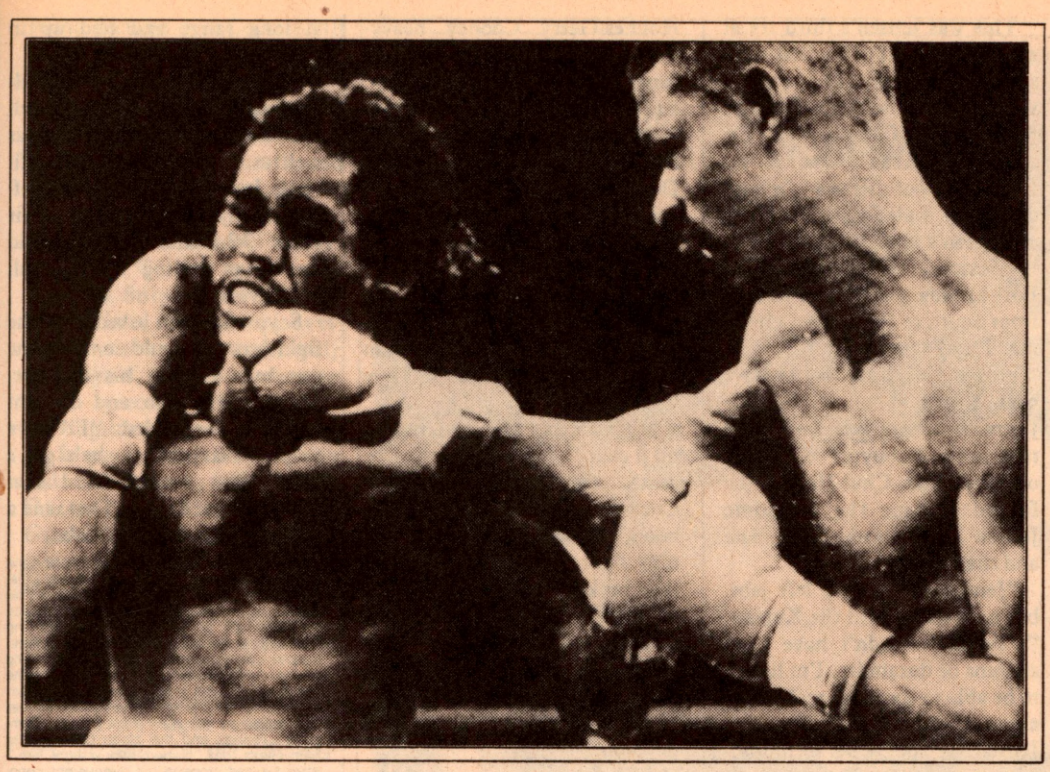
Chandler had a determined look on his face at the start of the seventh and a stiff right soon put Solis in full retreat. Jeff gave chase and landed a nice right-left and then another left hook, all to the head.

At this point, Solis was obviously fading, but still looked in the fight. Then it happened. Solis pulled away from a jab and Chandler released a short right. The punch kissed Julian square on the jaw line and turned his head. He collapsed against Chandler, out on his feet. The champion deftly shook him off with a well placed shoulder.

Solis went down with a thud and cracked his head on the floor. He struggled to a sitting position about halfway through referee Perez's count, but never looked close to getting up.

"He fell against me like dead weight," said Chandler. "I saw his eyes cross when he went down. I knew it was over."

It was a satisfying victory for Chandler. In his two previous defenses, a decision over Jorge



Lujan in Philadelphia and a draw with Eijiro Murata in Japan, he failed to score a single knockdown, retaining his title in less-than-spectacular fashion. This time, he dispatched a difficult rival with clinical precision, raising his unbeaten record to 26-0-2 with 13 knockouts.

Asked if he had any message for Pintor, Chandler replied by shaking the same right fist that had just sent Solis to Atlantic City Medical Center for overnight observation.

"This is what I have to say to Lupe Pintor."

Solis, still young at 24, has only been beaten by Chandler. He has won the rest of his 25 bouts, 11 inside the distance. He could come again, but not against the "Philly Flash."

The scoring after six was as follows: judge Eva Shain, 58-57; judge Paul Cavaliere, 59-57; and judge Richard F. Murry, 60-54—all in favor of Chandler. *The Ring* had it even up, 57-57.

In the main support, Bobby Joe Young, 154¾, Steubenville, Ohio, broke Ceotis Burgess' jaw for a TKO at 2:17 of the fifth. The loser, from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was hanging tough with his awkward style until Young lowered the boom. Burgess weighed 146.

In the best rumble among the prelims, Philly's Buster Drayton, 157¾, won a majority six-round decision over Tyrone Demby, 159¾, Atlantic City. Demby opened fast and raked Drayton's head and body over the first two rounds. Then he faded and Drayton, who took the match on short notice, stormed back to win the last four rounds as the crowd yelled their approval. Good action all the way.

Charlie "Cho Cho" Brown, 133, Phila., pounded Dexter (Slick) Smith, 135½, Homestead, Fla., for a TKO at 1:39 fo the fourth.

Andre (Sugarman) Cooper, 160, Clementon, N.J., TKO'd pathetic Jesse Goodman, 159½, at 0:23 of the first. Ernest Jackson, 139½, Phila., decisioned Jerry Graham, 141, Phila., over six. Mike Sheeran, 160, Upper Darby, Pa., stopped Curtis Pitman, 155¾, Phila., in a mismatch that ended at 1:54 of the opener.

Prelim referees—Rudy Battle and Vincent Rainone.

Prelim judges—Milo Savage and Harold Lederman.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz.

(07-25-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

PINTOR-RENGIFO
WBC Bantamweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Lupe Pintor, the WBC bantamweight champion, held on to his crown with a controversial 8th round TKO over challenger Jovito Rengifo of Venezuela.

Rengifo, at 117, was ahead on two of the judges' cards when Pintor, 118, floored the ninth-ranked bantamweight with a straight left to the head.

Rengifo got to his feet immediately, and appeared unhurt by the blow. But referee Joey Curtis stopped the fight with all due haste, ending the bout at 1:21 of the 8th round.

The boos of the crowd echoed throughout the arena of the Showboat Hotel, and comments flew thick and fast that Curtis could not have communicated properly with Rengifo—since the fighter speaks no English and the referee speaks no Spanish.

Before the disputed finale, the little-known Rengifo gave Pintor more than he had bargained for.

The fighters both started slow in the first round—obviously feeling each other out. Pintor got off the first jab—a straight right—and Rengifo countered with a pair of lefts.

The action heated up in the second round, as Rengifo dealt the champion some good combinations and straight lefts. Pintor countered with lefts and uppercuts, and the next few rounds saw the fighters battling toe to toe—each dealing a flurry of punches to his opponent.

In the fourth round, Pintor suffered a cut over the left eye and under the right cheekbone . . . as a result of butts by Rengifo.

Pintor came on strong in the fifth round, when he staggered Rengifo with a left-right combination. The punches backed the challenger into the ropes, and Pintor landed two more hard rights to the head.

Rengifo took to the attack in the sixth round, dealing constant lefts and rights to the champion's head and body.

But in the seventh, Pintor took command of the fight, scoring heavily with left jabs and combinations.

In the eighth round, Pintor landed a hard right to Rengifo's head followed by a straight left that sent the challenger to the canvas and ultimately to defeat; the fight was stopped immediately after the 8 count.

The post-fight press conference, held in Pintor's dressing room, was hampered by the loud playing and singing of a Mariachi band.

But, between the strains of the Mexican music, Pintor was heard to say: "I was winning the fight. I hurt him in the first round, and he only lasted so long because of his top physical condition".

Pintor continued: "The cuts did not bother me. I was not really hurt at all. I'm not happy the referee rushed to stop the fight. I wanted to hit him more."

Pintor stated that he had no desire to fight WBA champion Jeff Chandler. "I don't like him, and I don't need him," said Pintor. "He's a big mouth!"

Pintor, who has had problems making the bantamweight limit, will move up to the junior featherweight class after one more title defense—against Japan's Hurricane Teru.

In the card opener, scheduled for 10, Ileius Perez, 133, scored a TKO over Aurelio Martinez, 134, at 2:07 of the first round. Perez pinned his opponent to the corner and dealt him an incessant pounding until referee David Pearl stopped the bout.

Another scheduled 10-rounder ended at 1:18 of the second round, as Jamie Garza, 122½, scored a TKO over Lupe Martinez, 124. Garza sent Martinez to the canvas three times during the round for an automatic victory. The sin brings Garza's unbeaten record to 28-0.

A four-rounder resulted in a unanimous decision for Thomas Perez, 151, over Paul Gonzales, 152. All three judges' cards scored the fight 40-36 Referee: Harry Krause.

A 10-round walkout bout resulted in a unanimous decision for Leoncio Ortiz, 135, over Fili Reamirez, 138. Scoring was: Paul Clark, 99-92; Lou Tabat, 99-91; and Alan Adler, 98-92. Referee: Harry Krause.

The title card was a presentation of Azteca Promotions, in connection with the Showboat Hotel.

Attendance—1,361. Gross—$19,600.

(07-26-81)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

KIM-JENSEN
WBC Super Flyweight Title

PUSAN, KOREA—Chul Ho Kim retained his WBC super fly-

weight title by knocking out U.S. challenger Willie (Birdlegs) Jensen, 114, in 1:20 of the 13th round at Kudok Gymnasium.

This was an upset, despite the fact that Chul-Ho was the champion. Jensen, 27, had more experience and was a better boxer than the 20-year-old Kim. The American, however faded in the later rounds, and Kim won on his youth and durability.

Willie started the fireworks with stinging lefts—his specialty—in the first round. The champ, 114½, bobbed and weaved and sometimes came back with left hooks and rights.

The contest followed a similar pattern until the ninth, with Jensen using his left and Kim retaliating with occasional—but solid—rallies. Willie's one-armed fight wasn't enough to give him the lead, and Chul-Ho was up by about two points after the eight session.

The ninth round was the turning point. Kim turned loose and starting chasing Willie 'round the ring. Jensen seemed weak at this stage, and his jabs, now ineffective, could not keep the champ at bay. Kim's relentless attacks over the next three rounds widened a gash that had been opened over Kim's right eyebrow in the third frame, and the ringwise challenger tried to hold. His efforts were in vain, and Kim's incessant attacks had him very weak after the 12th round.

In the 13th, Kim pinned Jensen to the ropes with a flurry of body punches. Willie looked groggy, and Chul-Ho kept exploding with wicked punches to the challenger's breadbasket. Jensen finally collapsed, and stayed flat on the canvas for several minutes after Mexican referee Ray Solis finished tolling the fatal 10. Willie's absorption of punishment, coupled with fatigue, made him unable to pull himself up.

Kim was ahead on all three scorecards after 12, with American judge Arlen Bynum having him ahead by three points, judge Mike Jacobs (Britain) giving him his lead by six, and judge Hyo-Kon Kim (Korea) giving it to him by seven.

This was Jensen's third try at a world crown, but his first decisive loss. He was held to controversial draws by Guty Espadas in Inglewood, California in 1976 and by Rafael Orono on February 10 of this year. In both cases, he was fighting in the champion's back yard. (Espadas is Mexican, but the Inglewood Forum was packed with fans from South of the Border cheering Guty.)

Shigeo Nakajima was to have been Kim's opponent, but the Japanese banger was kayoed by trial horse Nobuyuki Watanabe on May 22nd. Chul-Ho was the forced to face the fearsome Jensen on the same fight date and site.

"Jensen had strong left jabs, but only that," said the Korean. "I found he didn't have good stamina or durability. I'm happy to be able to show my real power against the top contender, Jensen, in the WBC's compulsory defense."

The crestfallen Willie just refused to talk to journalists.

Kim's record is now 17-1-1 with seven kayoes. Jensen is 26-2 with 10 knockouts.

The Western world sometimes calls the Orient "inscrutable." But there was nothing inscrutable about Kim's upset victory over Jensen. It was plain for all to see.

Sang-Jin Cha, 135, but ranked fifth by the Korean Boxing Commission, stopped Mexico's Franco Almada, 135½, at 2:25 of the fifth session in their scheduled 10-rounder.

Oh-Hyong Lee, 127, knocked out Hak-Soo Chun, 125¾, in 1:32 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Jong-Sub Kim, 110¾, outpointed You-Uk Jou, also 110¾. Sun-Juan Kang, 110¼, outscored Jung-Suk Park, also 110¼. Yun-Kab Chai, 117½, TKO'd Jae-Hyun Cho, 119, at the end of two. Jong-Ki Chai, 125½, knocked out Tong-Chung Park, 127¾, in 0:51 of the fourth and final session.

Han-Jin Promotions.

Attendance—30,000 (a very huge crowd). (07-29-81)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

DAVISON-SCYPION

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y.—One could hardly call 'the middleweight match-up between 161-pounders Dwight Davison and Wilford Scypion a classic boxing match; it was more like a mauling match. But what it was, more than anything else, was a dress rehearsal for the respective corners in the upcoming Larry Holmes-Gerry Cooney heavyweight showdown, with Mike Jones, Cooney's co-manager, and Victor Vallee, Cooney's trainer, in one corner, and Carl King, the alter ego for father Don—and a fight *capo* in his own right—and Bobby Lewis, the new trainer for the Holmes camp, in the other. And, on this particular Saturday, at this particular locale, at least, the Davison-Holmes corner more than kept up with the Joneses. They beat 'em.

Mike Jones, who had passed up a chance for his battler to be on the undercard of the Snipes-Coetzee fight the next afternoon, chose, instead, to have him fight the WBC's number two ranked middleweight "for $50,000" and a shot at the championship. Better, to use the words of Joe Jacobs, he "Shoulda stood in bed," for all his efforts got him. And Scypion.

From the very onset of the fight, Davison used his newfound left jab, which, according to him, he learned "from Larry Holmes" while training at the Don King camp, just outside Cleveland. Scypion, attempting to penetrate Davison's three-inches longer reach, lunged in, just as he had against Curtis Parker in his last fight. But this time, something happened to him on the way in: he was floored with a straight right and went down for only the second time in his career. Unsteadily, he rose at nine and tried again to regain the initiative. But Davison, employing his left, kept him at bay.

That first round knockdown—plus the temporary illness of trainer Victor Valle just before he went into the ring—took something out of Scypion, who never got completely untracked. Manager Jones, upon later receiving the perfunctory congratulations for his battler's half-hearted effort, replied, when told " Good fight," succintly and sincerely, "Not really." He knew after the first round that the Wilford Scypion he was witnessing, along with a national television audience, wasn't what he had hoped to see. Wilford was continually jabbed at long range and tied up in close.

The decision reflected his feelings—and those of the small crowd at the Concord Hotel—as well as those of the three officials: Judge Eva Shain and referee Tony Perez casting their votes 7-3, and judge Harold Lederman calling it 6-3-1—all for Davison.

Scypion, when asked after the fight how he would compare the two men to take his measure, Mustafa Hamsho and Dwight Davison, responded: "I'd have to pick Davison . . . he's got a good right hand." And that about summed it up. That, and a recently discovered left jab.

The semi-final bout saw more beef on the hoof than had been seen since the last Chisholm Trail round-up, as 237-pound Larry Frazier barely outlasted 272-pound Harold Rice in a see-saw contest which had the ring creaking underfoot throughout the fight. Frazier—no relation to former world champ Joe in style, appearance, or family—came into the fight with a knockout win over current WBA champ Mike Weaver and a number nine rating by the New York *Post's* "Computer" ratings and the claim by promoter Sam Glass that "Nobody would fight him." After he had stopped his overweight opponent—actually a four-round fighter—in the 10th round with what might be described as a minimal attack, one was left with the question: "Why all the fuss?"

Angel Santiago, 127, Brooklyn, halted Johnny Barreto, 125, Springfield, Mass., at 2:24 of the second. Tyrone Jackson, 157, New York, won a majority decision over Vergon Hill, 154, Vineland, N.J., four. Jose Antonetti, 135½, New York, won a unanimous duke over Mike Thomas, 136½, Springfield, Mass., four. Jimmy Longo, 144½, New Paltz, New York, stopped Tim LaValley, 141, Troy, New York, on cuts at 2:37 of the second. (08-08-81)

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

SNIPES-COETZEE

TARRYTOWN, N.Y.—Before the fight, there were fewer than 100 concerned demonstrators in front of the New Westchester Theatre picketing against he presence of South African heavyweight Gerrie Coetzee because of his country's policy of apartheid. After the fight, there were over 1,500 irate fans in the theatre itself, demonstrating because of the obscene verdict which gave Renaldo Sniples a split decision over the same Coetzee. Nothing could have made South Africa more sympathetic than this "home country" decision.

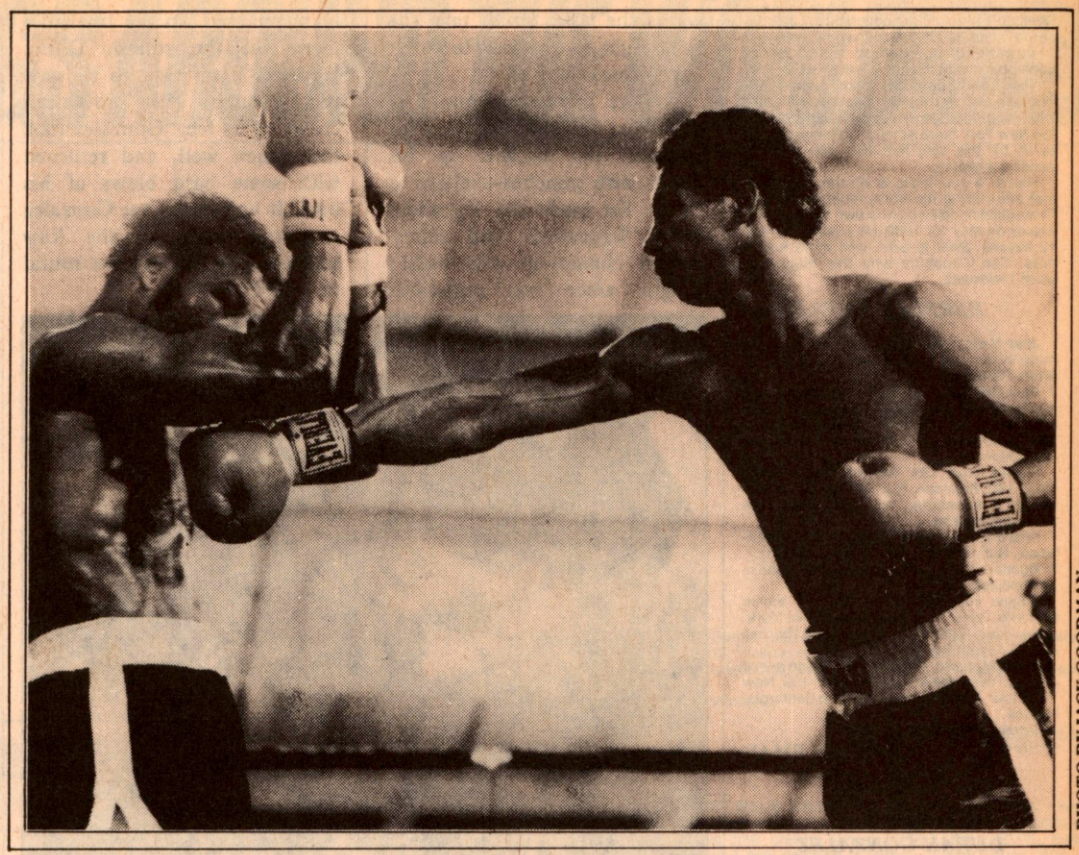
In the fianl analysis, Renaldo "Mr." Snipes parlayed an ability to be hit, the agility of a circus elephant, and two judges who were apparently watching the round girls into a disputed 10-

round decision over Coetzee. All Coetzee, 222, had done was to knock down his clumsy off-balance 218-pound opponent in the first and fourth rounds, to stagger him in the ninth and 10th, and to pursue him all over the ring in between. Despite this, judge Nick Gamboli and referee Joe Cortez "gave" the fight to Snipes, 5-4-1. Only judge Carol Castellano, eveidently unmoved by the shapely round girls, rendered a decision which agreed with *every one* of the ringside press—Coetzee (6-3-1). In points, the three officials had it: Castellano, 8-3, Coetzee, Cortez, 6-5, Coetzee; and Gamboli, 6-5, Coetzee. In short, it was an eloquent argument for the point system—which would have proclaimed the proper winner—and a shameful exhibition of "Ugly Americanism."

Snipes, in winning his 22nd consecutive fight without a loss—at least, in the officials' minds—was reduced to wild, amateurish swings, provoking one ringsider observer to label him "Mr. Swipes" (also, not incidentally, an apt referee to his having stolen the fight). Twice, he connected with an overhand right, thrown in much the same manner as Luis Tiant throws his pitches—looking one way and throwing the other. Both times, Coetzee blinked. Nothing more. And for this, he was rewarded with the decision. It was enough to make a grown man cry. And several did, in anguish over a miscarriage of justice—if boxing can be said to ever have had any.

What now for Snipes? This man with the eyes of Laura Mars and the moves of a frozen Mars bar now wants "a fight for the championship." Then, in an act of bravado, he was to say, "Bring on Larry Holmes." Hell, if they do, Snipes better bring judge Nick Gamboli and referee Joe Cortez with him. That would be the only way he'd ever win the fight—or any other fight against a top 10 rated heavyweight contender.

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR



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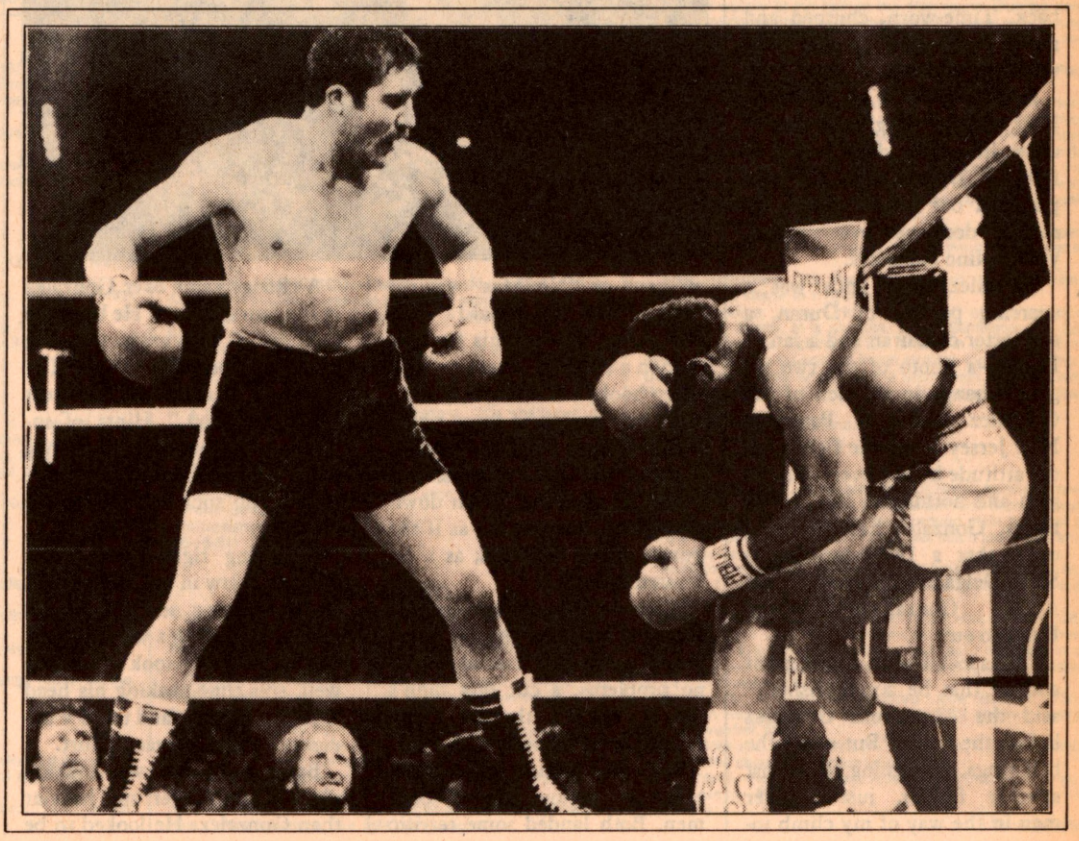
Above: Corner to Corner, Man to Man. Davison-Scypion was anything but a "classic". Below: The winner and still crouching—"Mr." Renaldo Snipes "beat" Coetzee by an obscenity.



Ronnie Harris, 163, Canton, Ohio, halted Carlton Swift, also 163, Brooklyn, New York, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Referee Vicnent Rainone stopped the one-sided contest after the fourth round.

Harris and most of his retinue then staged a sitdown strike (midring), protesting (a)

Coetzee's presence and high purse as compared to his, (b) the fact that his bout with Swift wasn't being televised, and (c) that no contenders want to fight him (Harris).

The crowd booed the kindergarten stunt like hell, and Harris, who finally left the ring with his entourage, has been suspended by the New York State Athletic Commission. His purse for this fight has also been held up pending a hearing.

Harris, a southpaw, is on the comeback trail after losing his North American Boxing Federation middleweight crown to Sugar Ray Seales on May 13, 1980. He's now 31-2 with 12 kayoes. Swift is 5-5-1 with three knockouts. Can't imagine why this mismatch wasn't televised.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

Jose Nieto, 126, Bronx, New York, won a majority decision over Santos Cruz, also 126, White Plains, New York, eight.

Paul DeVorce, 126, Yonkers, New York, a southpaw, knocked out Jorge Vasquez, also 126, Bronx, in 2:22 of the seventh round in their scheduled eight. DeVorce is now 9-0. Joe Cortez, referee.

Dennis Cruz, 136, Yonkers, TKO'd Eddie Ortiz, 140, Paterson, N.J., at 2:43 of the second in a scheduled six-round bout. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Andre (Sugar Man) Cooper, 161, Blackwood, N.J., TKO'd Felix Campos, also 161, Bridgeport, Conn., at 1:29 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Reggie Hill, 132, Paterson, and Vinnie Costello, also 132, Kingston, New York, drew, four. Costello was making his pro debut. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Pedro Montero, 161, New York, won a split decision over Haleem Muhammad, 159, New York, four, in the card opener. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abatiello.

(08-09-81) *DEAN COLEMAN*

DURAN-GONZALEZ

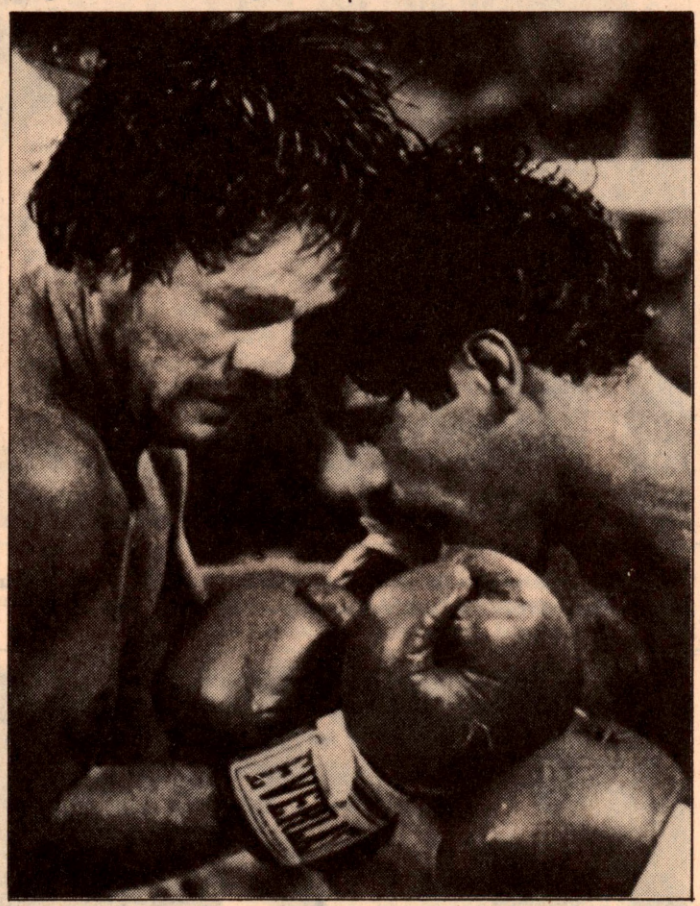
CLEVELAND, OHIO—Roberto Duran, "Hands of Stone", is back. Time-worn, chipped and not as bone-crushing as he once was. But he's back.

In front of 7,000 at the Public Hall, Duran fought as Duran once did—or, at least, tried to fight as Duran once did—and punched out a unanimous 10-round decision over tough, young Nino Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, who once was a sparring partner of Duran, a supporter of Duran and a fan of Duran—a photo of the two together hangs in the den of the Gonzalez home in Paterson, New Jersey—took the fight with the attitude he had everything to gain and nothing to lose. In 24 fights, Gonzalez had lost only once, that a 1980 decision to Steve Delgado. In a rematch last April, Gonzalez knocked Delgado out.

"I respect Duran as a fighter and all that he accomplished," said the 22-year-old Gonzalez before the bout. "But when the bell rings, he's going to be just another fighter, just another man in the way of my climb towards the title. I will take the fight right to Duran. He won't have to look for me."

For the first three rounds of the fight, Gonzalez fulfilled his promise and backed up his words with punches—volleys of them. He made the legendary former lightweight and welterweight champion—who hadn't fought since his inglorious



moment of "No Mas" against Sugar Ray Leonard last November 25—stop his forward motion on several occasions with sharp hooks and straight, jolting right hands. One of those rights caught Duran flush on the chin midway through the second round. He felt the punch down to his toes, but grinned as if the punch didn't faze him; as if he wanted "Mas".

A trickle of blood was seen by Duran's left eye in the third round, a cut that caused Duran no problems, a cut that didn't bleed again through the remainder of the fight.

The third round was fought at a fast and furious pace by both men. Both landed some terrific body punches. In the final moments of the round, Duran landed a hard right to the jaw that brought the pro-Duran crowd to its feet. Gonzalez took the punch well, and returned with some hard blows of his own. It was close, but Gonzalez won the round on the *Ring* scorecard. It was the last round he would win.

A change came over Gonzalez in the fourth round. He began to fight as if constantly thinking thoughts such as "Wow, I'm really in here with the great Roberto Duran." Hints of intimidation began to show, where, in the previous three rounds, no such hints were detectable.

A jarring right hand found Gonzalez' jaw in the fifth round, again bringing screams of delight from Duran's worshippers. Again, Gonzalez took the punch well, this time shaking his head to let the crowd—and the TV audience—know he wasn't hurt.

By now, Duran was looking physically stronger and heavier than Gonzalez. He looked to be more than three pounds heavier, as he had been at the weigh-in 24 hours earlier. That's right, 24 hours. The fight took place on Sunday. The weigh-in took place on Saturday. Gonzalez had weighed in at 152 pounds. Duran had weighed 155. He looked closer to 160 at fight time.

The pounds weren't the only edge Duran had. Vast experience was another. He "stole" rounds, perhaps even from this writer, by flurrying as Gonzalez was backed to the ropes, then clinching. Flurrying and clinching. Flurrying and clinching.

The seventh, eighth and ninth rounds were fiercely contested. But there was a difference. A major difference. More than the pounds. More than the experience. The big difference was: Gonzalez merely WANTED to win; Duran HAD to win.

The two were still throwing hard bursts at one another at the final bell, as chants of "Nino, Nino," and "Cholo, Cholo" (Duran's nickname), reverberated throughout the arena.

At the final bell, Duran threw his arms skyward. Gonzalez walked confidently back to his corner.

Referee Jack Keough scored the fight 48-44 for Duran. Judges Ed Maguire and Vito Mazeo had it 47-43 and 48-45, respectively, for Duran.

"Watch the films of the fight again," said Carl Duva, manager of Gonzalez. "Just watch the films again. You'll see Gonzalez landing all those body punches in close and doing all the work. It was a good, hard fight, but Duran didn't win."

Good it was. But win it, he did. Duran still maintains his one obsession: To get Sugar Ray Leonard back into the ring. He lives for the moment. Unfortunately, for him, he may never live to see the day Leonard grants him his wish.

You see, Leonard can earn mucho dinero fighting others. Hearns a second time. Pipino Cuevas. Marvin Hagler. Wilfred Benitez. But not Roberto Duran. As to that rubber match with Duran, Leonard has only two words . . . "No Mas."

(8-9-81) *RANDY GORDON*

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▲ **STOCKTON**—Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, 181, stopped Willie Taylor, 179, in round seven of a scheduled 10-rounder.
Rubin Williams, 196, halted Garland Barnes, 205¼, in the first round of a scheduled six.
Harvey Solomon, 156, kayoed John Guzman, 155¼, in the second of their scheduled six.
Bernnie Mack, 116¼, outscored Ernie Chavez, 121, six.
George Savala, 132, outpointed Francisco Velez, 129¾, four.
Bautista Boxing.
Attendance—1,949. Gross—$19,668.
(05-27-81)

▲ **LOS ANGELES**—Kalvin Lampkin, 130, and Memo Arreola, 131, drew, 10.
Adrian Arreola, 122½, halted Jose Perez, 121, in the first round of a scheduled eight-round bout.
Ian Clyde, 112, outpointed Cipriano Arreola, 110, six.
Jose Numez, 140, and Esteban Villacana, 137, tech draw in a scheduled four-rounder.
Pimentel-Kabakoff.
Attendance—692. Gross—$4,200.
(05-28-81)

▲ **LOS ANGELES**—Felipe Canela, 141½, stopped Rudy Hernandez, 140, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.
Eric Bonilla, 144½, outpointed Jerry Reyes, 138¼, six.
Eusebio Flores, 137¼, halted Carlos Bryant, 138, in the sixth and final round.
Alejandro Chavarin, 139½, stopped Jose Nunez, 140, in the second frame of a scheduled four.
Pimentel-Kabakoff.
Attendance—692. Gross—$4,182.50.
(06-04-81)

▲ **OAKLAND**—Erwin Williams, 160½, outscored Jeff Morgan, 160, eight.
Tim Harris, 153, halted Lino Cajina, 156, in the second frame of their eight-rounder.
Kenneth Mitchell, 144, stopped Jose Panulaya, 114½, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.
Ricci Wynne, 147½, halted Michael Tolang, 146½, in the first round of a scheduled four.
Garden City Boxing.
Attendance—236. Gross—$2,304.
(06-05-81)

▲ **SACRAMENTO**—Pete Ranzany, 149, stopped Inocencio (Mao) de la Rosa, 147¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.
Joseph Guevara, 126¾, halted J.T. Walker, 127¾, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.
Ernie Chavez, 119, stopped Mario Savala, 116, in the second frame of a scheduled six.
Babe Griffin Boxing.
Attendance—2,950. Gross—$27,196.
(06-09-81)

▲ **LOS ANGELES**—John Montes, 135¾, halted Pat Duran, 137, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Kenneth Mitchell, 117½, outpointed Ian Clyde, 116, six.
Odell Hadley, 159, stopped Michael Monianci, 160½, in the second round of a scheduled five.
Jihad Karriem, 151, halted Ellis Miller, also 151, in the fourth frame of their scheduled five.
Pimentel-Kabakoff.
Attendance—406. Gross—$3,357.50.
(06-11-81)

▲ **SAN DIEGO**—Four sixes and one four made up the card.
Mike Rundell, 146, and Eric Bonilla, 141½, drew.
Jesse Island, 173½, stopped Rendell Williams, 173, in the second.
Jim Kinchen, 167, halted James Williams, 168, in the second.
Lenny Jones, 120, outpointed Fernando Reyes, 122.
Perry McLemore, 140, stopped Kirk Duhamell, 141, in the first round of the lone four-rounder.
Hamel Promotions.
Attendance—808. Gross—$9,040.
(06-12-81)

▲ **INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Rodolfo Gonzalez, 137, won a majority decision over southpaw Andrew Ganigan, 136, 10. Scoring: referee Martin Denkin and judge Chuck Hassett, both 94-92; judge Dr. Jen Kin, 93-93.
Mark Davis, 126¼, outscored Jaime Casas, also 126¼, 10.
Antonio de la Paz, 121, outpointed Rudy Perez, 120½, 10.
Frank Newton, 133¾, stopped Ignacio Saucedo, 133, in the 10th and final session.
Connie Swift, 136¼, outscored Jesus Dubois, 135½, four.
Attendance—2,218. Gross—$31,180.
(06-13-81)

▲ **SAN FRANCISCO**—Daniel Gonzalez halted Harvey Solomon in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.
George Maldonado, 120¼, won a split decision over Lorenzo Herrera, 124, four.
Roman Delgado, 136½, stopped Edward Valencia, 133, in the first round of their scheduled four.
Attendance—458. Gross—$3,355.
(06-14-81)

▲ **LOS ANGELES**—Monte Masters, 204, halted Lupe Guerra, 188, in the second frame of a scheduled 10-round bout.
Russel Pope, 153, outpointed Ric Holden, 149, six.
Armando Sanchez, 122, and Manuel Cruz, 118, drew, four.
Tony DiBuono, 136, outscored Don Herring, 137½, four.
Hector Martinez, 139, outpointed John Velloz, 141, four.
Pimentel-Kabakoff.
Attendance—410. Gross—$3,530.
(06-18-81)

COLORADO

▲ **DENVER—Stockyards Arena**—J.J. Cottrell, 152, Denver, won a split decision over the supposedly rejuvenated Ron Brown, 162, Denver, in a 10-round bout the promoters billed as "The Fight for The Colorado State Middleweight Championship."
Clayton Hires, 148, Denver, knocked out Geraldo Jimenez, 150, Phoenix, with a short, zipping right hand to the nose in 1:26 of the second in a scheduled six-round bout.
Micah (The Gypsy Cowboy) True, 149, Denver, pushed his record to 11-0 with a TKO over Sal Saladine, also 149, Denver, at 1:15 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.
Pete Young, 216, Denver, won a unanimous decision over Fred Muhammad, 240, Denver, six. Young is now 7-1.
Steve Lubbers, Denver, copped a split decision over Darren Incline, Colorado Springs, four, light heavyweights.
Pedro Garcia, 122, Denver, won a split decision over Danny Salazar, 113, Phoenix, in the four-round curtain raiser.
Ron Cisneros, 113, and Marty Garelich, 146, boxed a five-round exhibition.
B.P. Promotions.
(07-11-81)

RUDY R. GONZALES

FLORIDA

▲ **WEST PALM BEACH—Auditorium**—Jeff Sims, Chris and Mike Dundee's heavyweight hope, had his big chance to hit the big time, and he almost made it. Sims, 206½, Belle Glade, lost a split decision to veteran Jimmy Young, 216½, Philadelphia, 10.
Young was in the best shape he's been in for years. Sims won three of the first four rounds, but Young took the middle sessions, giving Jeff a boxing lesson. In the eighth, Young landed a solid right followed by a barrage of stinging left jabs that had Sims wobbly at the bell. In the 10th round, Dundee sent Sims out to dance, thinking that he had the contest won. Young became the aggressor, landed a few solid shots, won the round—and won the fight.
Scoring: referee Eddie Eckert, 97-95, Young; judge Al Fox, 98-96, Sims; judge Dave Kyser, 97-95, Young.
Leon McDonald, 179½, Deerfield, retained his Southern light heavyweight crown with a unanimous decision over James Salerno, 169¼, U.S. Marines, 12. This was a hard fought fight, with both men tiring in the late rounds. McDonald fought the last six sessions with a cut over one eye and the other closing fast. He floored Salerno in the last round, but was too weary to apply a finisher. Angelo Dundee screamed himself hoarse urging the Marine on, but to no avail.
Clauzelle (Beaver) Longmire, 146¼, Belle Glade, stopped Roberto Riasco, 147, Panama, at 2:50 of the third. Beaver is now 15-2.
Pete Trematteras, 165, West Palm Beach, kayoed Dexter Thomas, 162, Miami, in 1:10 of the first.
Four-rounders: Jorge Ortiz, 115, Miami, outscored John Smith, 111, Miami, in a slugfest. Brauli Santiesteban, 128, Miami, kayoed Mel Robinson, 126, Miami, in 2:10 of the first session. (Braulie, who won his fourth straight, looks promising.) Dorsey Gamon, 208, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Reiner Hartman, 210, Germany. This was Reiner's first defeat in eight starts.
Promoter—Ernie Letizliano.
Matchmaker—Lou Barsky.
Attendance—3,968.
(07-10-81)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Sheraton Beach Hotel Auditorium**—Jesus Perez, 146½, Colombia, won a unanimous decision over Dale Bendross, 142, Miami, in the six-round main event of a card showcasing young talent. Perez was much too strong and simply overpowered his opponent.
Remigio Carillo, 148, Cuba, kayoed Spencer Muserove, 146, Miami, in 1:40 of the second. Muserove was also down in the first.
Braulio Santiesteban, 129, Miami, TKO'd Matt Gibson, 128, Homestead, at 1:15 of the second in a scheduled four. Referee Eddie Eckert stopped the contest when Braulio had Matt in a corner and was scoring heavily with no return. It was Santiesteban's fifth straight victory.
Terry Jeff, 128, Miami, knocked Jose Boisant, 130, Dominican Republic, down in the first round and won every frame thereafter, four.
Buck Robinson, 152, Miami, TKO'd Ron Frazier, 149, Miami, at 1:40 of the second. Robinson looked good.
Promoters—Roger Pinckney, Tommy Torino, Chris Dundee.
Attendance—500.
(07-14-81)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▲ **CHICAGO—International Amphitheatre**—Alfonzo Ratliff, 193½, Chicago, knocked out Bull Dog Patterson, 194, Charlotte, N.C., in 1:37 of the second in the scheduled 10-round main event.

The 10-round co-feature saw Jumbo Cummings, 221, Joliet, Illinois, TKO Bobby Jordan, 200½, Norfolk, Virginia, at 1:19 of the ninth.

Six-rounders: Lee Roy Murphy, 181, Chicago, TKO'd John Trollinger, 171, Cincinnati, in the first round. (Trollinger has been "permanently retired" by the Illinois Athletic Board. He was a sub—not very good.) Primo Ramos, 137, Chicago, kayoed Wayne Ingram, also 137, North Chicago, in the second with a body shot. Ephram Bennett, 147, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Billy Shane, 150½. Michael Brothers, 178½, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Cox, 180, Rockford, Illinois. Steve Williams, 160, Chicago, knocked out James Harris, also 160, Troy, Ohio, in 2:51 of the second.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.
Judges—James DiVito, Jerry Hults, Mike Glienna, Al James.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Physician—Jorge Tovar, M.D.
Promoter—Ernest Terrell.
Attendance—914.
(07-27-81)

MICHIGAN

▲ **DETROIT—Michigan State Fairgrounds Coliseum**—The main event on a card billed as "Champs for the Champ," a Tribute to Joe Louis, marked the return of former Michigan middleweight champion Tommy Hannah to the ring. Hannah, 165, Detroit, met Willie Crawford, 167, Columbus, Ohio. Looking in great shape, Hannah used a crouching and lunging style to dominate the fight. After easily taking the first four rounds, Hannah unleashed a tremendous right that spun Crawford around and dropped him flat on his face. Crawford managed to get to his feet and hang on, but was unable to answer the bell for the sixth. The six-round TKO gives Hannah a 38-7 record and a good "welcome back" victory.

Andre Wynn, 145, Detroit won a six-round decision over his first professional southpaw, much improved Ricky Davis, 152, Columbus, Ohio. The hard fought victory brings Wynn to a record of 9-1; Davis drops to 4-3.

In a boring eight-round middleweight fight, Leslie "Sweet Lemonade" Gardner brought his record to 22-1 with a white washing over Columbus fighter Mark McCullough, 163. This marked the third time now that the Detroiter, Gardner, 165, has beaten McCullough.

Obi "The Exterminator" Eaddy, 164, Inkster, Mich. brought his record to 5-1 by winning a four-round decision over Columbus middleweight Doug Richiey, 161. Eaddy had a good fight, decking Richiey four times and handing the Ohio fighter his first loss.

A welterweight bout marked the professional debut of two young fighters and had Kchalig Abdul Mohammed, 147, score a technical knockout at 2:31 of the third round over Keith Young, 147, of Detroit.

Also on the card was the first women's boxing match in Detroit. It was the pro debut of both women, Dee Rush, 123, Detroit, and Lori "California Sun" Bloodworth, 122, Chicago, Ill. Rush looked more like she knew what she was doing and took the first two rounds, knocking Lori down in the first. But midway through the third, Dee ran out of gas and, at the end of the round, collapsed in her corner and had to be carried from the ring and taken to the hospital, completely exhausted. This made Lori Bloodworth a four-round TKO winner. Ladies, it's not as easy as it looks.
(06-05-81)

▲ **KALAMAZOO—Hackett High School**—Henry Grooms' Professional Management Enterprises presented a solid night of boxing for the fans in the western part of the state. Len (Stinger) Hutchins continued on the comeback trail with another victory in the main event. Hutchins, 174, Detroit, scored a rugged TKO at 2:08 of the fifth round over Vic Christian, 175, Chicago. His record improves to 32-3-1, while Vic's drops to 9-2.

Marvin (The Earle of Vicksburg) Earle, the undefeated heavyweight, developed a severe stiff neck and was unable to fight in the other main event, so, on very short notice, his friend Curtis Isaac of Kalamazoo filled in for him and did very well. Isaac, 202, scored a TKO at 2:09 of the third round over Jesse Brown, 210, Indianapolis. Isaac decked his opponent two times in the second and twice more in the third for the victory that now gives him a record of 2-1.

Grand Rapids fighter Willie McIntosh, 136, who has been on a tear as of late, brought his record to 8-4-1 with a TKO at 1:19 of the third over Kenny Patton, 137, Indianapolis. McIntosh put his opponent down in the first and twice more in the third to end it.

In a real card stealer, two young junior middleweights with 1-0 records came together, Terry Holmes, 147, Kalamazoo, and William (Machine Gun) Key, 147, Grand Rapids. Both young men had suffered from the flu the week before the fight and were unable to train. It was a terrific four-rounder from start to finish that ended with Holmes winning a split decision. Both young men should be proud of the very close fight that showed they are both winners and ones to watch in the future.

The opening bout had Wilbur (The Vampire) Johnston, 160, the winner by a TKO at 2:56 of the second over Kenny Reed, 160, Dayton, Ohio. The announcement was made that these fighters would not be paid because they had not honored their contract and were not in proper condition to fight. Reed had fallen from some glancing blows.
(06-18-81)

▲ **WYANDOTTE—Yack Arena**—The Down River Boxing Club presented a very shakey seven-bout card before a very small audience. It was another case of local fighters not being tested because they had to fight members of the Ohio meat market who seem to suffer from bad cases of dropsy. The result was two no contests, two that should have been no contests, and one that was a poor decision.

Opening the card was Alex Byrd, 137, Detroit, former national Junior Olympic champ, who, after decking his opponent, Dave Hardy, 135, Cincinnati, twice in the first round, was awarded a TKO at 1:30 and then had the bout called "no contest."

Tony Anthony, 218, Detroit, won (?) his third straight when, after decking his opponent, Hubert Adams, 220, Cincinnati, twice in the first round, he was awarded a TKO at 1:58—and had the bout called "no contest."

Obi Eaddy, 163, Inkster, Michigan, was given a six-round draw with Kevin Straughter, 152, Columbus, Ohio. The judges had it: Eaddy, 57-56; Straughter, 57-56; and even, 58-58. I had it 59-57, Eaddy, and *Boxing Digest* had it 60-56, Eaddy. Maybe we were watching the wrong fight (?).

Another middleweight fight had Irish Bobby Bland, 157, now out of Detroit, scoring a knockout over Harold Hayes, Cincinnati, Ohio, with a right to the body in 1:14 of the first round.

Another new addition to the Detroit area, Tom (Ruffhouse) Fisher, 212, scored a TKO at 1:29 of the fifth over Charlie (Big Tuna) Jordan, 5'7" and 242, Ohio.

Greg (Candy Man) Coverson, 137½, looked good handling Chico Rodriquez, 136, Columbus, Ohio. After knocking Rodriquez down twice in the third under flurries of punches, the referee stopped the bout at 2:28.

The main event of the night had Jim (The Wyandotte Kid) Olszewki, 193½, scoring an automatic TKO at 2:16 of the first round after Steve Brockman, 204, Cincinnati, Ohio, hit the canvas three times. Brockman is a disgrace to boxing, and if they ever let him box, and I use that term loosely, in Michigan again there ought to be an investigation. I have seen the man twice now and it has been the same each time. He buckles his right leg and goes down at the slightest blow. This time he topped even that: the blow missed him by one and a half feet and he fell and laughed about it. Things like this are an embarrassment to boxing, a sport that takes enough bad raps as it is.
(06-19-81)

▲ **FLINT—Mott Community College, Ballenger Field House**—350 people were in attendance to witness a good and very entertaining boxing card held at 2:30 in the afternoon on Father's Day. For Joe Byrd, it was a very good Father's Day as his son, Joe Byrd, Jr., 174, Flint, gave him a real knockout of a present by scoring a TKO at 2:38 of the second over Eddie (Rocky) Temple, 175, Columbus, Ohio. Byrd looked very good dropping Temple once in the first and three times in the second.

Another father on hand to get a winning gift was the dad of former Amateur Champ Arnie Wells, 140, Davison, Michigan. Wells, who should be fighting junior welterweights, won a four-round decision over Joe Westbrook, 147, Columbus. Wells, now 3-0, had the almost one-foot taller Westbrook out on his feet at the final bell.

Making his pro debut, and fighting for Luther Burgess, was the former National Golden Gloves champ, Willie Edward, 177. Edwards pounded out a solid one-sided victory over Ralph Thomas, 175, Louisville, Kentucky, via a four-round decision.

In a six-round bout, Robert (Bo) Moody, 150, Columbus, won a split decision over Flint's Lamont Hopkins, 154. The final bout had (Slick) Benny Mitchell, 170, Columbus, pounding out an eight-round decision over the Pontiac southpaw, Bill Hollis, 170.
(06-21-81)

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall**—Simone Promotions presented a five-fight card that show-cased the return of Greg (Candy Man) Coverson and Detroit's best kept secret, the undefeated middleweight Bernard (Superbad) Mays.

Coverson, severely injured his hand last year in a rugged win over New York's Bobby (Wildman) Alexander. The injury required surgery and he had been out of action until this past month. Now he has come back like a tornado, with three knockouts in the past three weeks. In Wyandotte, three weeks ago, a three-round kayo over Chico Rodriguez; in Nashville, last week, a three-round TKO over Dexter Smith; and now a victory in a co-main event at Cobo Hall over Santos Rodriguez, 135, Chicago, at 1:58 of the second round. It was an automatic TKO after three knockdowns according to Michigan rules. The 135-lb. Candy Man is now fighting out of Detroit and is being managed by Bill Gutz; his record is now 23-0. Incidentally, some older fight fans may remember Bill Gutz as the manager of Lester Felton, a top-rated welter in the early fifties.

Detroit's middleweight sensation, Bernard (Superbad) Mays added his 11th knockout to his now 16-0 record by stopping Tommy Howard, 160, Seattle, on a seventh round TKO. Mays, 161, opened a cut over Howard's left eye in the sixth, and it was this that prompted the referee to examine Howard after the end of the round and then stop the fight.

Willie (Floyd) McIntosh, 136, Grand Rapids, continued his current knockout streak, now four, when Frankie Mills, 140, Muncie, Indiana, injured his thumb at 2:00 of the third round and could not continue. William (Machine Gun) Key, 152, brought his record to 2-1 with a four-round unanimous decision over (Sweet) Charly Peterson, 153, Muncie, Indiana. It was Key's first bout with a southpaw.

The opening bout saw another formerly ranked fighter on the comeback trail, as welterweight Floyd Mayweather, 148, Grand Rapids, easily handled Tony Taylor, 145, Muncie, by dropping him for the count in 2:55 of the fifth round. Mayweather, 20-3, will now be fighting out of Grand Rapids and will be managed by Bill Chrisman of Bill Chrisman Enterprises, Inc. Floyd is coming back from a gunshot wound to his leg. This is his second time out since starting his comeback.

As usual, it was an excellent card put on by Simone Promotions. But, with no advertisement, it drew only about 300 people.
(07-02-81)

▲ **DETROIT—Twenty Grand Showroom**—In the second of All-Star Boxing's Kronk Boxing Team Las Vegas Style performances, promoter John Yopp outdid himself with one of the best fights this town has seen in a long time. The headline bout between William (Caveman) Lee, 161, Detroit, and John LoCicero, 156, New York, turned out to be a war. The Caveman controlled the first round easily and, in the second, the action started to heat up. In the third, LoCicero hurt Lee with a straight right but, when he forced him against the ropes, John was driven back by a series of tremendous uppercuts. In the fourth, LoCicero hurt Lee twice with straight rights followed by vicious flurries. Each time, though, he was driven off by Lee's inside bodyshots. Every punch thrown by the two warriors was a bomb, and the round ended with Lee hanging on.

In the fifth, the Caveman hurt LoCicero with a heavy right, and the action reached hurricane proportions, with everyone in the place on his feet. A right hand following a solid left hook dropped LoCicero for an eight-count. LoCicero came up staggering but pounding Lee with heavy shots that injured him. The two men met above Lee's corner, both hurt and both throwing bombs. It was only the force of their blows that was keeping them up, when a powerful left hook caught LoCicero flush on the jaw and dropped him for the count in 2:54 of the fifth. Lee's record now goes to 18-2, while LoCicero's drops to 16-6.

In a six-round bout, Arnie Wells, 139, Davison, Michigan, won a shutout unanimous decision over Anthony Travis 134½, Springfield, Illinois. Wells is now 4-0.

Nathaniel Akbar, 157, returned to the ring and brought his record to 10-1 with an eight-round split decision over Jeff Madison, 166, St. Louis. Another Kronk fighter, Lionel Johnson, 132, Detroit, now 3-0, had an easier time disposing of southpaw Bennie Worthly, 135½, Springfield, knocking him down twice and scoring a first round TKO at 2:52.

Kronk's lightweight, Jimmy Paul, 138½, scored his fifth K.O. in five outings, putting Detroit's Billy (The Kid) Madison down for the count in 1:52 of the second round. Rodney (The Rock) Trusel, 150½, won his ninth in nine outings with a dominating six-round decision over Nate Seward, 139, Springfield. Completing Kronk's seven-fight clean sweep was Hurley Snead, 119, in his pro debut, scoring a six-round kayo in 2:52 over James Tolliver, 117, Cleveland, Ohio.
(07-09-81)

▲ **LINCOLN PARK—Civic Center**—Jim Olszewski, 191½, Wyandotte, Michigan, knocked out Timothy Johnson, 186, Columbus, Ohio, in 2:07 of the seventh. Olszewski, known as "The Wyandotte Kid," is now 7-1.

Tony Anthony, 216, Detroit, brought his record to 4-0 by knocking out Philip Brown, 178, Columbus, in 2:52 of the second.

"Irish" Bobby Bland, 160, now fighting out of Detroit, kayoed Obi Eaddy, 160¼, Inkster, Michigan, in 2:58 of the fifth. Bland is now 11-1-1. Eaddy is 5-2-1.

Khaliq Muhammad, 146¼, Highland Park, Michigan, knocked out Obi's brother, Marty, 143½, Inkster, with a devastating right in 2:58 of the second. Eaddy was unconscious for several minutes. Muhammad is now 3-0—all kayoes.

Willie Edward, 177½, Detroit, used a tremendous left hook to deck Willie Crawford, 180, Columbus, thrice and stop him at 1:15 of the second. Edward is now 2-0.

Alex Byrd, 137, Detroit, TKO'd Sam Isabelle, 133, Detroit, at 2:59 of the second. Isabelle is a junior lightweight who had to put on weight to face Byrd, whoi is a natural junior welter and about a foot taller than Sam.

Down River Boxing Club.
Sparse attendance.
(07-17-81)

▲ **SAGINAW—Civic Center**—Murray Sutherland, 174½, Bay City, Michigan, retained his USBA light heavyweight title by pounding out a unanimous decision over James Williams, 173, Portland, Oregon, 12. Sutherland is now 32-4. Williams is 21-3.

Earnie Shavers, 228, Warren, Ohio, came out of retirement again to face hopelessly outmatched opponent Terrell Simms, 211, Chicago, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Shavers knocked Simms down twice in the second, and the referee stopped the bout at 1:33 of the session.

Another poor matchup saw young Mike Ashenbrenner, 180, an Iowa Toughman Contest Winner from Davenport, make his pro debut against well seasoned Billy Ratliff, 181, Bay City, Michigan. The bout had the expected results, as Tatliff, 15-6, knocked the boy unconscious in the fourth. The youngster hit the canvas like a ton of bricks. His legs twitched and he started to swallow his tongue. The doctor at ringside was there quickly, and Ashenbrenner was removed by stretcher and taken to the hospital. It was later annouced that he was doing fine and would soon be released. It just goes to prove that you can't climb right in there with a well trained boxer just because you've won a Toughman Contest.

Floyd Mayweather, 147, formerly of Grand Rapids but now fighting for Bill Chrisman, brought his record to 21-3 by winning a split decision over Larry McCall, 147, Cincinnati, 10. The "split decision" announcement surprised everyone, because it wasn't a close fight. One judge had it 99-93, Mayweather, another had it 97-92, Mayweather, and the other, who must have been out for a beer, carded 96-94, McCall.

Mike (The Giant) White, 305, Bay City, kayoed Tom Hartlage, 264, Louisville, in 0:53 of the first. White is now 8-1.

David (Gentleman Jake) Jaco, 220, Bay City, outscored Vernon (Bad News) Bridges, 220, Flint, Michigan, six. Jaco is now 5-0.

Jeff McCall, 160, Cincinnati, outpointed George Jacobs, also 160, Cleveland, four.

Attendance—2,500.
(07-29-81)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▲ **TOTOWA—Ice World**—Curtis Harris, 135, Paterson, won the USBA lightweight title with a unanimous decision over

James Martinez, 133, Dallas, 12.

Martinez hit the canvas in the first round from a straight right, and was down in the 11th from a hook. He fought in flurries, but was always in the fight. He just didn't have Harris' firepower. Both men were even on pure boxing skill, but Curtis took almost every round (albeit by close margins) because his punches had more steam. Harris, the "Troubleman," should now move against top 10 opponents. He's now 12-1.

Vito Maselli, 140, Elizabeth, TKO'd Frank Sheehan, 142, Binghamton, at 1:33 of the second.

Don Nisivoccia, 115, Newark, TKO'd Dan LaValley, 155¾, Troy, at 1:20 of the fifth round.

Rusty Rosenberger, 165, Niles, Ohio, outpointed James Harrison, 166, Boston, six.

Andy Riccardi, 159½, Cliffside Park, halted Tommy Merola, 160½, with a straight right at 1:41 of round six. Ricardi is still undefeated.

Diego Rosario, 122, Paterson, outscored tough Edwin Santiago, 122¼, Hoboken, eight. Rosario is also undefeated.

Guy (The Rock) Casale, 200, Newark, TKO'd Paul Benjamin, 195, Rockland, Maine, in the first round of the final contest of the evening.

Referees—Larry Hazard, Joe Cortez.

Judges—William Kostrub, Paul Cavalier.

The bouts were promoted by Main Events, Inc. and shown over ESPN TV with Sal Marchiano and Randy Gordon handling the commentary.
(07-16-81)

S.M. FELDMAN

▲ PLAINFIELD—Plainfield High School—Another revival of small community boxing, as new promoter Marc Roberts presented his second successful card and matchmaker Dave Taub did a fine job—refusing to bring in stiffs. All the bouts were exciting, with the local heroes having to fight hard. Club boxing at its best.

Albert (Steel) Mills, 151¾, Plainfield, stretched his record to 6-0 by stopping Richard Nixon, 155¼, Philadelphia, at 1:37 of the fifth. Nixon was giving Mills all he wanted until dropped by a whistling right. He arose, but one eye closed, and he was being pummelled on the ropes when referee Paul Venti stepped in and stopped the contest.

Former New Jersey amateur champ Jeff Ferguson, 143¼, Plainfield, made his pro debut by knocking out Charley Brown, 144, Newark, in 2:41 of the first.

Teddy White, 150, Newark, TKO'd Darnell Smith, 149¾, Philadelphia, at 2:08 of the third. Smith went down claiming a rabbit punch, but he was taking a shellacking anyway.

Bobby (Kid) Patterson, 160, Paterson, won a majority decision over Jamal Arbubakarr, 159¼, six. A sensational slugfest, with the veteran's strong finish edging out the disappointed Jamal.

Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 159¾, East Orange, won a split decision over Randy Coleman, 161, Philadelphia, in four foul ridden rounds. Dwight was aided by a "knockdown" in the second which appeared to be from a low blow.

Keith Corbett, 142¾, Elizabeth, and Roberto Munoz, 140¼, Perth Amboy, fought to a majority draw, four. An excellent battle, with Keith's strong finish appearing to give him the win. The officials had trouble adding their cards, resulting in a confused verdict.

Hard luck loser Herman Ingram, 127¾, Newark, finally got a break. He used a body attack to TKO Jose Abru, 130, Passaic, at 1:15 of the third. Abru was making his pro debut.

Referees—Paul Venti, Harold Valan.

Judges—Frances Moore, Thomas Kaczmarek.

Attendance—1,700. Gross—$13,000.
(07-27-81)

J.R. JOWETT

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel Casino—Philly's Johnny Carter displayed the flashy form that earned him the USBA bantamweight title with a sixth round TKO over journeyman Javier Flores in a non-title obut scheduled for 10.

There was never any question as to who would win, only when. Carter, 121¼, was in charge from the start with his creative, moving style of fighting. His quick jab bloodied Flores' nose early and kept it leaking throughout the fight. Johnny also jolted Javier frequently with showy, two-handed combos that jarred Flores' head about, but never dropped him.

Flores, 121½, is a game trier, but, although he landed a few swipes, he never seriously threatened.

The sixth was an especially rugged one for Flores. He was doubled over by a pair of left hooks to the side and severly punished around the face. The ringside doctor took a good look during the rest period and wisely decided that enough was enough.

Carter, now 21-1, was 12 kayoes, is the only man to ever beat WBA champ Jeff Chandler. He turned the trick while both were still amateurs and now wants to repeat the distinction in the pro ranks.

"I think Jeff Chandler is afraid of me," said Carter after his victory. "Why go to Japan (to fight Eijiro Murata) when he can go a couple of blocks and fight me?"

In another scheduled 10, Robbie Sims, 159, Brockton, Mass., survived a second round knockdown to TKO Jesus Castro, 160, Dominican Republic, at 1:04 fo the third.

Sims, Marvin Hagler's half-brother, opened quickly in the first and then ran into a potent right uppercut early in the second from the tall and lanky Castro.

Sims went down hard and barely beat the count. he was in serious trouble for awhile, but came out of the fog and dropped Castro with a right of his own near the end of the round. Great action!

The rejuvinated Sims swarmed all over Castro in the third, putting him down with a flurry of head shots. Referee Frank Capcino stopped the bout without even bothering to complete the count. Castro was finished.

Sims might not have Hagler's chin, but he shares the same fighting spirit. He is currently undefeated in 10 pro outings, with eight stoppages.

Jose Green, 143, an unheralded club fighter from Warminister, Pa., pulled a stunning upset with a third round TKO over highly favored Herb Darity, Hartford, Conn.

Darity, 138, had shown well here in the past and boasted a 9-1 (seven kayoes) record coming in. In Green, however, he ran into one tough cookie.

After taking some of Darity's best shots in the first, Jose traded punch-for-punch in the second. In the third, he hung Darity in a corner and opened up with both hands. Some of the blows missed, but a lot, including a jarring right uppercut, found the mark. Darity was in deep water when referee Capcino called a halt at 1:09.

Brooklyn's Louis Hubela, 134, recorded a non-discript TKO over Trevor Evelyn, 135, Barbados, in the eight and final round. Nothing happened until Hubela cut loose with a finishing volley tht terminated matters at 1:40.

In the evening's comedy spot, "Irish" Billy Cronin, 211, Boston, Mass., decisioned Atlantic City's Johnny Pitts, 205, in four. These guys had trouble getting out of their own way, but the crowd enjoyed the free-swinging brawl anyway.

New Yorker Kato Williams, 135, was too strong for Eddie "Twist" Welcome 135, Albany, N.Y., and recorded a unanimous decision after four decision after four decent rounds. Welcome gamely countered the charging Williams, but lacked the power to hold him off.

Danny Long, 156, Boston, Mass., TKO'd Carl Wilson, 155½, N.Y.C., in two and George Rodriguez, 164, Vineland, N.J., decisioned Barney Bonner, 158, Camden, N.J., in four.

Referees—Larry Hazzard and Frank Capcino.

Judges—Milo Savage and William Kostrub.

Televised over the ESPN cable with Sal Marchiano and Randy Gordon at the mike.

Attendance—1,200 (capacity).
(08-06-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▲ HAUPPAUGE, SUFFOLK—Colonie Hill Catering Complex—Undefeated junior welterweight Todd Longmuir improved his record to 9-0 with a unanimous eight-round decision over Mike Thomas of Springfield, Mass.

Longmuir, 137½, employed a relentless attack to wear down Thomas, 136. Despite a cut on his right brow from a butt, Longmuir, from Wantagh, kept the pressure on, bulling his adversary to the ropes, and punishing him on the inside with hooks and uppercuts. Longmuir shifted his attack well, punching to both the head and body, but his power is very suspect. Mike Langarman, the 19-year-old prospect's manager, claims his fighter will soon challenge WBA champion Aaron Pryor. Longmuir needs a few years more experience before even considering such a match.

Manhattan's Kenny Abbott, 151, made a successful return to the ring after a two year absence with a six round verdict over Rocky Point's Jimmy Donnelly, also 151.

The fight was a wide-open brawl, with both weary combatants trading solid punches. Abbott was floored in the second frame by an overhand right, but came back to pepper the quickly-tiring Donnelly with wide, but effective combinations. Condition was the key to the battle. Several times Donnelly spat out his mouthpiece while gasping for air. A bloody nose further impaired his breathing.

Gino Gelormino, 126½, continued to impress by scoring a first round kayo against Quadia Hart, 127, Newark.

The unbeaten (3-0), 20-year-old Levittown resident went right to work on Hart at the bell. A series of crisp left hooks sent Hart's mouthpiece flying into the fourth row. Several more hooks, and a few straight rights, had Hart helpless against the ropes when referee Charlie Norkus intervened. Hart then did his own interpretation of "no mas" and Norkus halted the bout at 1:26 of the round.

Former New York Golden Gloves winner Leon (Country Boy) Taylor also recorded a first round stoppage. Taylor, 171, of Bedford Stuyvesant, dropped Newark's Irving Booth, 174, twice before the fight was ended at the 2:43 mark.

Abdul Hakim, 179, Roosevelt, shut out Charlie Taylor, 180, the Bronx, over the four round distance, but he should have taken his man out. Several times, Hakim had Taylor reeling around the ring, but failed to put him away.

In what was at least an entertaining bout, Jake "The Snake" Riley, 142½, Troy, danced, pranced, and shuffled enroute to losing a four rounder to Sam Carter, 140½, Brownsfield. Riley did little offensively, instead resorting to clowning, much to the embarrassment of his handlers. When asked what advice he gave Riley between rounds, cornerman Bob Miller replied sarcastically, "I told him he's doing a wonderful job, but to hit him more." Carter, all business, decked Riley in the third in notching the win.

In the opening bout, Lakeview's Mark McPherson, 153, utilized a superior reach and a stiff left jab to outpoint Mike Grant, 154, of Philadelphia, over four rounds. Despite controlling the bout, McPherson was not aggressive enough, wasting numerous opportunities to inflict punishment upon Grant. Throughout the contest, McPherson's corner implored him to punch more. Grant, who appeared on an earlier Colonie Hill show, was again very passive, always waiting for his opponent to initiate the action, and then sometimes not even bothering to counter.

The card, the fifth to be held at the Hill in as many months, was inferior to the previous shows. This was reflected in the attendance—only 301 fans paid a paltry gross of $4,115. Slam Bang Productions, the promoters, should again feature more popular local fighters, like Capobianco and McNeece, to attract larger crowds.
(07-17-81)

RICH COUNTIS

▲ NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Brooklyn's Tony Santana, 127, stretched his unbeaten record to 15-0 (11 kayoes) with a 10-round unanimous decision over Alberto Collazo, 128, Pittsburgh.

The aggressive Collazo won the first three rounds, but the more skilled Santana used his left jab to take control for the remainder of the fight. Referee Arthur Mercante scored it 8-2, judge Ray Kozak saw it 7-3, and judge Al Reid carded 6-4. Colazo is now 19-4-1 with 12 kayoes.

Pete Padilla, 136½, Bronx, New York, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Cirillo Morel, also 136½, Santo Domingo, D.R., in the 10-round co-feature. Referee Billy Graham and judge Kozak both socred 9-1, with judge Reid carding 8-2. Morel was cut beneath the left eye at the finish.

Hector (Macho) Camacho, 130½, Spanish Harlem, New York, kayoed Jose Figueroa, 131, New York, in 0:43 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Arthur Mercante, referee.

Edwin Rivera, 125, New York, won a split (!) decision over Pipino Oquendo, 126, New York, eight. Scoring: referee Herb Kronowitz, 4-3-2 Oquendo; Kozak, 7-1, Rivera; Reid, 6-2, Rivera.

Carlton Elijah Tillery, 192½, Staten Island, did not look good in winning a unanimous decision over Ed (The Great) Smith, 188, Charlotte, N.C., eight. Smith can take it, and he took it from the Ali look alike throughout the bout. Tillery, in fact, almost punched himself out, and Smith won the sixth round. For the record, Ed went down from a left hook in round two. (The still unbeaten Tillery got so frustrated that he threw Smith down before the bell ended the fifth.) Scoring: referee Graham and judge Reid, both 7-1; judge Kozak, 6-2.

Roberto Vinas, 128, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York, TKO'd Manolin Jiminez, 130, Dominican Republic, at 2:50 of the seventh in their scheduled eight. Two hard rights prompted referee Kronowitz to end it.

Jimmy McGovern, 152, the neighborhood favorite whose supporters buy up half the seats whenever (and whoever) he is fighting, won a hard fought unanimous decision over inept Don Miller, 153, Hartford, Conn., four. McGovern's an amusing sideshow when his fans don't get unruly. Scoring: referee Kronowitz, 4-0; judge Kozak, 2-1-1; judge Reid, 3-1. (I thought McGovern won, but I'd hate to imagine the decision going against him in a close fight. They'd have to call out the National Guard to restore order.)

Bryant Ware, 138½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Zennie Best, 137½, Staten Island, at 0:51 of the first round in the opening four. Billy Graham, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Attendance—1,942. Gross—$21,094.53.
(07-24-81)

▲ NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Now I know what they mean when they say "boxing is a brutal sport." The Garden boxing department scheduled 62 rounds of leather pushing for this card, and sitting through the whole damned thing was brutal. The only excitement came toward the end, when some of Tomas Diaz's supporters gave vent to their feelings re. the draw decision handed down in the Dominican's bout with Montreal's Tony Salvatore. Bottles flew, and the main event, between Rafael Solis and Antonio (Kid Can) Cruz, was called "no contest" after the sixth round, as Cruz's leg had been cut by a fragment.

Cruz could, doubtless, have continued. The cut, however, gave him a good reason not to. Solis, 134½, Puerto Rico, a southpaw, had a clear edge when the bottles came in the sixth session, and Cruz was smart enough to take the "out." Solis insisted that Cruz lost via a TKO, but referee Harold Valan finally gave out with the "no contest" ruling.

Cruz, who weighed 136 and hails from Santo Domingo, is now 25-5-3 with one no contest. Solis is 11-2-2 with one no contest. Cruz has stopped 11 boxers, Solis eight.

The scheduled 10-round main event was preceded by a scheduled six-round bout between Kenny Styles, 160½, New York, and Curtis Williams, 161, Newark. This one ended quickly, as Styles kayoed Williams with a right in the first session and referee Randy Nueman finished counting at the 2:47 mark.

The Diza-Salvatore eight-rounder had preceded that. Diaz, 131, seemed, to me, to have had a slight edge, but the draw decision was not a "robbery," and the fans over reacted—to put it mildly.

For the record, the official scores were: referee Valan, 4-4; judge Leo Dazzo, 4-3-1, Salvatore; judge Simon Ramos, 4-3-1, Diaz.

The 10-round co-feature between Jilio Diablito) Valdez, 131, Dominican Republic, and Victor Acosta, 129, Carolina, P.R., was put on fifth in the 11-contest program. The result was a onesided triumph for Diablito, as the former world contender gave Acosta a good lesson in defensive boxing. The scoring: referee Luis Rivera, 8-2; judge Dazzo, 9-0-1; judge Ramos, 8-1-1—all in favor fo Valdez. Julio is now 15-8-1 with two kayoes. Acosta is 12-3 with two knockouts.

Th;e rest of the card consisted of seven (that's right, seven) four-round contests: Frank Morgante, 142, Staten Island, won unanimous (all 4-0) decision over Jake Riley, 143, Albany. Pablo Pizarro, 174, Brooklyn, TKO'd Harold Williams, 176, New York, at 1:47 of the third. Jose Baret, 153½, TKO'd Don Miller, 154, Hartford, at 1:06 of the third. Andres Tena, 124, Dominican Republic, won unanimous decision over Jose Espada, 126, Reading, Pa. Gilmore Coleman, 159½, New York, and Wendell Hauser, 159, New York, drew. Leon (Country Boy) Taylor, 172, Brooklyn, won unanimous decision over debuting Steve Jackson, 176, New York. Lee Saxby, 159, New York, won a majority decision over Danny Chapman, 153, New Paltz, New York, in the opener.

Randy Neuman refereed Pizarro-Williams, Coleman-Hauser, Taylor-Jackson, and Saxby-Chapman. Luis Rivera worked the rest of the four-rounders.

What made this card a waste of money was (1) a lack of meaningful matches, (2) the frequently ho-hum (lack of) action, (3) the ridiculous length of the program, and (4) the bottle throwing incident. The last, in fact, owed its existence, in part, to the fact that the card ran well past 11:30. Wrestling has an 11 o'clock curfew. They know how to control their animals. Why can't boxing control theirs?
(08-07-81)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

NEVADA

▲ **LAS VEGAS—SILVER SLIPPER**—Roberto Garcia, 134, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Roosevelt Rico, 133, Houston, 10.

Garcia was in command throughout the bout, and sent Rico to the canvas briefly in the seventh. All three judges scored the contest 98-92. Fred Hernandez, referee.

Jose Castro, 115, won a unanimous decision over Mario Noriega, 114, six. Castro was down momentarily in the fifth canto, but he came back slugging. Scoring: Ed Brown, 60-54; Duane Ford and Dalby Shirley, both 59-55. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Jeff Podgurski, 202, Las Vegas, TKO'd Lamont Santana, 196, Oakland, at 2:44 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Santana was down at the start of the first session and was at his opponent's mercy until referee Padilla stopped the bout.

Jim (The Heat) Kinchen, 165, kayoed Eddie Casper, 161, Tucson, Arizona, at 2:20 of the second in a scheduled four refereed by Padilla.

Bobby Krueger, 131, won a split decision over Leonard Lopez, 133, in the opening four-rounder. Scoring: Duane Ford, 39-37, Lopez; Ed Brown and Dalby Shirley, both 39-37, Kreuger. Fred Hernandez, referee.

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Silver Slipper**—Manny Lopez, 140, knocked out Robert (Mack Truck) Turner in 1:53 of the eighth round in the scheduled 10-round main event at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

Lopez floored Turner with a overhand right in the seventh, opened a gash under his right eye in the eight, and put him away with a left-right combo. Glenn Turner, referee.

Alvaro Ramos, 115, Tucson, pounded out a unanimous decision over Mario Noriega, also 115, Las Vegas, six.

Ramos floored Noriega briefly in the fourth, and emerged with a wide-margin decision. Scoring: Duane Ford, 59-55; Dave Moretti, 60-54; Jerry Roth, 60-53. Richard Green, referee.

Jim (The Heat) Kinchen, 164, knocked out Reuben Rascone, 165, in 0:42 of the first round. This was Kinchen's 11th straight victory and ninth kayo. Richard Green, referee.

Jack Alvarez, 150, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous (all cards 58-56) decision over Ernie Orosco, 151, six. Richard Green, referee.

Perry McLemore, 140½, knocked out Anthony Cruz, 140¼, in 1:41 of the second in a scheduled four-round card opener.

▲ **LAS VEGAS**—Silver Slipper—All but one of the five scheduled contests ended in early kayoes.

Tony Cerda, 158, TKO'd Billy Minnix, 156, at 1:43 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Harry Krause, referee.

Victor Deloney, 151, Seattle, Washington, knocked out Ken Butler, 152, in 0:58 of the first round. David Pearl, referee.

Irving Mitchell, 126, kayoed Rocky Alonso, 123, in 1:20 of the first. Both were making their pro debuts.

Dana Ralston, 132, knocked out Don Oversby, 136, in 1:24 of the first session. Harry Krause, referee. Both were making their pro debuts.

Renaldo (Animal) Rogue, 145, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Charles Lacour, 148, in the only bout to go the distance. Scoring: Alan Adler, 78-74; Larry Clark, 80-73; Dalby Shirley, 77-74. Harry Krause, referee.

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Silver Slipper**—Pablo Ramos, 180, Cleveland, won a unanimous decision over Rudy Robles, 174, Los Angeles, in the 10-round main event.

Robles, whose career has gone downhill steadily over the last few years, was ineffective throughout the bout. Scoring: Charles Minker and Paul Smith, both 99-91; Dave Moretti, 99-92. Pete Seward, 149, Columbus, Ohio, won a unanimous decision over "Chu Chu" Salcedo, 147, Los Angeles, in the eight-round semi-main. Scoring: Charles Minker, 79-73; Dave Moretti, 79-74; Paul Smith, 77-75. Fred Hernandez, referee.

Mike Rodriguez, 130, Los Angeles, won a split decision over Bobby Krueger, 132, Tucson, Arizona, six. Scoring: Charles Minker and Paul Smith, both 60-54, Rodriquez; Dave Moretti, 58-56, Krueger.

Martin Guzman, 129, knocked out Cuco Talementes, also 129, in a scheduled six. Talementes hit the deck once in the fourth round and again in the fifth before referee Hernandez stopped the bout at 0:48 of the fifth session.

Charles (Cowboy) Roye, 170, won a majority decision over Paul Brown, 177, in the four-round opener. Scoring: Dave Moretti and Paul Smith, both 39-37, Roye; Charles Minker, 38-38. Joey Curtis referee.

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Silver Slipper**—J.J. Cottrell, 149, overcame the Las Vegas "Denver jinx." The Denver, Coloarado fighter TKO'd Reinaldo (Animal) Rogue, 150, San Diego, at 202 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-round main event. Referee David Pearl stopped the contest after Rogue had taken a lot of punishment.

Joe Bahash, 139, won a unanimous decision over Luis Palma, 140, Las Vegas, six. Scoring: Alan Adler and Jerry Roth, 56; Bob Martin, 59-55. Joey Curtis, referee.

Aurelio Martinez, 140, Las Vegas, TKO'd Larry Hernandez, Tucson, in their scheduled six-rounder. Referee Curtis stopped the contest at 1:00 of the fourth.

Perry McLemore, 138½, and Barettas Hernandez, 140, drew in the four-round card opener. This was McLemore's pro debut. David Pearl, referee.

SHIRLEY NORMAN

OREGON

▲ **SEASIDE—Convention Center**—Brian Tinker, 130, Portland won a unanimous decision over Oscar Zebeda, also 130, Fresno, California, in the eight-round main event. Tinker is now 8-0. Zebeda is 5-2.

Ronnie Romero, 130, Salt Lake City, TKO'd Francisco Velez, also 130, Fresno, at 2:27 of the seventh in their scheduled eight. Romero is now 7-0. Velez is 4-3-1.

Francisco Roche, 146, Seattle, and Greg Hutchison, 147, Medford, Oregon. drew, six. Roche was docked a point for spitting out his mouthpiece, and the resulting scores were 59-56, Roche; 58-57, Hutchinson; and 58-58. Roche is now 1-0-1. Hutchison is 1-1-1.

Rod Smith, 208, Eugene, Oregon, kayoed Tough Guy graduate Bill Mersier, 202, Seattle, in 1:40 of the first round in a scheduled four. Smith is now 2-0—both knockouts.

The hard working ref for this busy card was Jim Cassidy. Judges were Ben Laford and Paul Weitzel. Dick Hubbard was the timekeeper. Dr. Jack Battaglia of the Portland Commission was attending physician, and Fred McNalley promoted the card in cooperation with the city of Seaside.
(06-13-81)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ **PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle Caterers**—It was good to see Philly lightweight Quentin Blackman finally win a fight. The young vet has always given it everything he had, but wins have been few and far between. This time, he won a split eight-round decision over favored house fighter "Irish" Randy Mitchum by scores of 38-36 and 38-37. The other vote went to Mitchum, 37-36.

"I think I deserved it," said Blackman. Mitchum, who was cut over the left eye agreed" He got me."

After a fast start, both tired, but Blackman's experience against better opposition gave him the edge he needed to see him through. Maybe all those close calls in the other guys backyards are starting to pay dividends.

The less-than-sterling undercard, made up of local prelim kids, was as follows:

Freddie Reyes won a unanimous six-round decision over late sub Wyatt Simpkins in a junior welterweight bout.

Middleweight Darnell Smith TKO'd Alan Wilson at 2:20 of the first. This one has to be considered highly suspect. The punches that finished Wilson were medium calibre at best.

Archie McMillian scored a cut eye TKO over Johnny Ross at 1:20 of the second.

Light heavyweight Greg Johnson stopped Morris Paramore at 1:05 of the first.

Welter Jimmy Muse won a unanimous four-round decision over James Dixon.

Referee—Frank Capcino.

Judges—Paul Harris and Joe Sweeney.

Promoter—Barry McCall.
(07-16-81)

▲ **PHILADELPHIA—Martin Luther King Arena:**Philly's "Terrible" Timmy Witherspoon busted "Sgt." Jerry Williams down to private with an eight-round TKO for his 11th straight win as a pro in a scheduled 10. The talented Witherspoon, who is quietly emerging as one of the nation's top young heavyweight prospects, paced himself well and produced a rapid-fire volley of punches when the time came to end matters.

Williams, a former Army champ with a service victory over Leon Spinks to his credit, was not the killer that the pre-fight hype would have had one believe. He did, however, provide Witherspoon with a strong and brave test, building Tim's confidence and stamina for sterner stuff to come.

The entire card was fought under less-than-ideal conditions. This ancient venue is not air conditioned, and the television lights only added to the heat and humidity. It's a credit to all the fighters that they fought with as much zest as they did. It was the sort of evening that cried out for a cool breeze and an ice cold beerage. Neither was forthcoming.

Williams, 209½, Fayetville, N.C., pressured Witherspoon into the ropes on numerous occasions, seldom accomplishing much damage. His body shots were hard enough, but, when he tried to go upstairs, he lacked the proper leverage. For all his size and strength, Jerry is little more than a mauler.

Witherspoon, 205, rattled Williams early and often with a sharp lefts to the head. In the fifth, he drove Jerry all over the ring, landing freely with both hands the last 30 seconds of the round. Williams almost went, only to be saved by the bell.

After a slow sixth, Witherspoon regrouped and went for the kill in the seventh. Williams was bleeding from a cut under his right eye and "Terrible Timmy" opened up with both barrels. A flurry of slashing blows to the head dropped Williams late in the round. He just beat the count, and was led back to his corner by referee Bob Polis.

Many thought the fight had been stopped then and there. However, the round was over, the bell drowned out by the crowd. The ringside doctor took a good look at Jerry and rightly decided to call the fight. Under Pennsylavania rules, it will be recorded as an eight round technical knockout.

As good as he looks, Witherspoon has yet to fight a quality opponent and it is still too early to judge his true value. He

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Gerry Cooney (New York)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. John Tate (Tennessee)
5. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
6. James Tillis (Illinois)
7. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
8. Jimmy Young (Pennsylvania)
9. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
10. Marty Monroe (California)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. James Scott (New Jersey)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
5. Marvin Camel (Montana)
6. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
7. Dwight Braxton (Pennsylvania)
8. Bashiru Ali (California)
9. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)
10. Vonzell Johnson (Indiana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Davison (Michigan)
1. Wilford Scypion (New York)
2. Vito Antuofermo (New York)
3. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
4. Ray Seales (Washington)
5. Robbie Epps (New Mexico)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
8. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
9. William "Caveman" Lee (Michigan)
10. Ernie Singletary (Michigan)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Texas)
2. Nino Gonzalez (New Jersey)
3. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
4. Pete Ranzany (California)
5. Bruce Johnson (Florida)
6. Tony Braxton (New Jersey)
7. Tyrone Rackley (Arizona)
8. Jerry Cheatham (Arizona)
9. Rocky Mosley (Nevada)
10. James Green (New Jersey)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Title Vacant
1. Randy Shields (California)
2. Adolfo Viruet (New Jersey)
3. Bruce Finch (Nevada)
4. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
5. Babs McCarthy (California)
6. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
7. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
8. Greg Stephens (California)
9. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
10. Davey Moore (New York)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Monroe Brooks (California)
2. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
3. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
4. Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
5. Domingo Ayala (Puerto Rico)
6. Steve Hearon (Texas)
7. Sal Lopez (California)
8. Mark Ibanez (Hawaii)
9. Termite Watkins (Texas)
10. Billy Costello (New York)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
2. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
3. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
4. Gonzallo Montellano (California)
5. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)
6. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
7. Jorge Morales (Puerto Rico)
8. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
9. Frank Newton (Oklahoma)
10. James Busceme (Texas)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Frankie Baltazar (California)
2. Rolando Navarette (Hawaii)
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Johnny Sato (California)
5. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
6. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
7. Hector Cortez (California)
8. Tony Santana (New York)
9. James Martinez (Texas)
10. Kelvin Lampkin (Indiana)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Juan LaPorte (New York)
3. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
4. Alberto Collazo (Pennsylvania)
5. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
6. Jose Caba (California)
7. Freddie Roach (Arizona)
8. Mark Davis (California)
9. Rocky Garcia (California)
10. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Carmelo Negron (New York)
2. Jaime Garza (California)
3. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
4. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)
5. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
6. Sergio Castro (California)
7. Richard Savala (California)
8. Jose Canizales (Texas)
9. Melvin Johnson (California)
10. Javier Flores (Utah)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
5. Richard Sandoval (California)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. Fred Jackson (Texas)
8. Ricardo Varela (California)
9. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)
10. George Garcia (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Felix Castillo (Texas)
3. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
4. Jose Torres (Arizona)
5. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
6. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
7. Javier Mendoza (California)
8. Alfonso Gonzales (California)
9. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
10. Steve Whetstone (Florida)

hopes his solid showing against Williams will earn him a shot on national TV.

Roger Stafford scored a repeat win over fellow Philadelphian Kevin Howard in the co-feature. Stafford had beaten Howard earlier this year in Atlantic City, but because many felt that their first match had been close, a return go was made. Once again, Stafford was too classy for the harder hitting youngster, and won via a majority decision.

Howard, 148, spent entirely too much time posing and too little punching. He allowed Stafford, 147½ to box rings around him and score often with left jabs. It was a case of having the goods, but not being able to deliver them.

Stafford stayed in control much of the time and even rocked Kevin several times with well-aimed rights. It was lucky for Howard that Roger is not much of a puncher.

Howard finally came alive in the 10th and floored Stafford with a nice right to the chin. Stafford bounced up and blazed back to make for the best action of the bout.

Judge Tommy Cross somehow came up with a 47-47 draw. Judge Eddie Woods and referee Tom Reed saw that justice was done with scores of 49-45, respectively, both for Stafford. *The Ring* saw it as a walk over, giving Roger the match, 48-43.

For pure entertainment, the scheduled six-rounder between Jimmy Clark and Robert Colay took the prize. Clark finally won on a TKO at 2:39 of the fifth, but not before both fighters had their moments of glory and embarrassment.

Colay, 231, Atlantic City, is tall (6'4") with a sway back. He looks more like an out of shape basketball player than a boxer. He took the match on short notice and more than earned his money.

Clark seems to have gone downhill since his amateur days. He is heavier, 218, and much slower. Colay had no trouble, whatsoever, hitting him again and again, with his long left jab. He split Clark's lip open in the second and floored him for a brief count in the third.

Clark's lip was not the only thing that split. Colay's trunks ripped up the back in the second. No replacement could be found, so so Bob's handlers stuffed a towel down the back in hopes of covering the large exposed area. The towel slipped through the tear and made poor Colay resemble a cross between a Playboy bunny and a NFL center. Everybody had a good laugh except Bob.

Clark, now 5-0 as a pro, finally decided he'd better do something. He rushed out for the fifth and quickly scored a pair of knockdowns with left hooks to the head. Colay recovered long enough to stager Jimmy with his own barrage before being dropped for a third time and an automatic TKO.

The bout had been so much fun, everybody, except Clark and his corner, was sorry to see it end.

Local lefty Gary Hinton, 137½, scored a unanimous eight-round decision over New Yorker Victor Mangual, 140½, in a bout that lacked any high lights. Hinton was simply too quick.

Anthony Witherspoon, 1787, Phila., blitzed hopeless Larry Jefferson, 178½, also Phila., for an instant win at 2:21 fo the first. Not much of a match for Timmy's younger brother—or the fans.

Robert Hines, 140, Phila., TKO'd Ira Robinson, 143½, Richman, Va., at 0:15 of the second. Referee Reed and Robinson's corner should be taken to task for letting it go on as long as it did.

In a frantically fought walkout bout, Philly's Tony Suero, 157, outslugged Charley Hecker, 158, Brooklyn, N.Y., for a TKO at 2:51 of the fifth. An all action scrap all the way.

The show, televised over the ESPN cable, was put together for Top Rank, Inc. by Frank Gelb in conjunction with Impact promotions.

Attendance—1,794.
(07-30-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

RHODE ISLAND

▲ **PROVIDENCE—Civic Center—**Boxing returned here for the first time in almost two years, as promoter Rip Valenti, along with Aqua-Leisure Industries, Inc., and the Petronelli Brothers Athletic Club, presented a fine seven-bout card.

John (Dino) Denis, 215, Attleboro, Mass., used a vicious left jab to win a unanimous decision over Don Halpin, 200, Lowell, Mass., 10, in defense of his New England heavyweight title. A hard right hand to the chin put Halpin on the canvas in the seventh.

New England welterweight champion Fernando Fernandez, 146, Pawtucket, retained his crown with a lopsided unanimous decision over Jackie Morell, 140, Lowell. Fernandez scored continually with left right combos to the body and staggered Morell in the ninth round with three hard rights to the face.

Promising Chris McDonald, 210, Tiverton, made his New England debut with a quick kayo over Ray James, 195, Lowell. McDonald appeared very polished as he knocked out James with a hard left in 2:40 of the opening round. "Big Mac" is now 9-0 in the pro ranks.

Steve Hilyard, 130, New Bedford, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Bob Brown, 139, Providence, six.

Doug Sherrin, 151, Scituate, won a majority decision over Mack (The Bull) Mainero, 152, East Boston, six, in the brawl of the evening. Sherrin squeaked out the decision (28-27, 28-27, 27-27) despite cuts below both optics.

Eddie Curet, 134, Attleboro, stopped Francesco Maldonado at 1:17 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Gerry LaFlamme, 180, Fall River, TKO'd Ray Vasquez, 190, Lowell, at 2:30 of round one. At that time, Vasquez went back to his corner, never to return. Very, very mysterious.

The Petronelli Club of Brockton controls all of the men who won their bouts on this card.

An estimated crowd of 2,500 paid eight and 10 dollars to witness a fine evening of boxing.
(07-28-81)

RICHARD MAGED

TEXAS

▲ **BEAUMONT—Civic Center—**Local hero James (Bubba) Busceme, 134, administered a sound thrashing to world ranked Herman (Kid) Montes, 135, Los Angeles, and forced the visiting boxer to surrender midway through round six in what may turn out to be one of the year's big upsets.

Using the quick footwork and speed of hand which had enabled him to become one of the all-time great U.S. amateurs, the southpaw Busceme scored seemingly at will with a right jab and a hook off the jab to the face and ribs of the rangy Montes. It was Busceme's ability to land this jab—despite a six-inch disadvantage in the reach department—that set the tone for his one-sided victory.

When the sixth round opened, Montes charged across the ring, obviously sensing that his only hope for victory was to catch the local fighter with a couple of hard blows while he was unaware. That, at least, would slow Busceme down.

The tactic proved as useless as Montes' other attempts at offense and had been that evening. Busceme played the matador to Montes' rushing toro, punching Herman on the ear as he went by. After a few seconds of sparring in midring, Busceme opened up with a triple jab followed by a crisp, textbook perfect left cross to the right side of Montes' face. Montes grimaced, raised his hands to the sky, turned, and walked to his corner. The bout was over.

By the time referee Dick Cole could reach Busceme, who was gleefully jigging around the ring, and raise his hand in token of victory, the time had reached 1:35. That will be the official time of Busceme's sixth round TKO victory.

"Montes suffered a cut along the right side of his nose," explained commission doctor Max C. Sprott. "About two inches long, rather wide, and nearly to the bone." This wound, combined with the other punishment that he'd received makes it unlikely Montes could have continued into round seven.

Referee Cole and judges A.D. (Spider) Bynum and Steve Crossen all had it 50-45—a complete shutout—in Busceme's favor through five rounds. These three officials all hail from Dallas, and were brought in by the Texas commission when Montes' manager, Bennie Georgino, insisted on a neutral officiating crew.

Bubba, who represented the U.S. in the 1972 Olympics, but was eliminated in the third round via a points loss to Jan Szczepanski of Poland, the eventual Gold Medalist, was the first man to win the National Golden Gloves four times. His decisive defeat of Montes should catapult him into the world ratings—if there's any justice.

Ronnie Shields, 141½, Port Arthur, TKO'd Ed Modicue, also 141½, Monroe, Louisiana, in the seventh. Referee Spider Bynum stopped the contest at 2:15 of the round because of a cut on Modicue's right eyelid.

James Pipps, 121¼, Vidor, ran his record to 7-0 by stopping Gilbert Favella, 128, San Antonio, at 1:05 fo the opening round. Pipps, a tiger, had decked Favella once, and had the visitor out on his feet when ref Steve Crossen intervened.

Gene Hatcher, 141, Fort Worth, made it five for five as a professional by halting Ramiro Pruneda, 140, Houston, at 2:35 of round three.

Johnny Montes, 134, Los Angeles, Herman's younger brother, kayoed Gus Rodriguez, 133½, Houston, in 1:59 of the second. Gus was a late sub for Freddie (Stepper) Harris, who failed to show, claiming "toothache." Montes is now 13-0.

Charlie Wade, 233, San Antonio, stopped popular Tom Trimm, 208, Galena Park, at 2:04 of round six in the curtain raiser.

Timekeeper—Fred McWilliams.
Knockdown Timer—Frank Martinez.
Attendance—4,010.
(07-17-81)

C.A. JACKSON

▲ **SAN ANTONIO—**Rocky Ramon ended his 11-year ring caraeer by knocking out Alvaro Rodriquez in 0'47 of the fourth round before a crowd of 856 paying customers.

Ramon, 30, went the distance with Sugar Ray Leonard in Balitmore on February 4, 1978. That was the fight in which Rocky's sheer courage overcame the sarcastic taunts of Howard Cosell.

This was the first local boxing pormotion of Speedy Gonzales and Jim Kirby. The main event saw Johnny Baca TKO Leon Shaw at 1:52 of the ninth session.

Leo Martinez, El Paso, upped his record to 10-1 by knocking out Jose Salas, Nuevo Laredo, in 2:05 of the third round, featherweights. Salas is now 8-3.

Louis Burke, Las Cruces, New Mexico, TKO'd Abel Herrera, San Antonio, at 2:23 of the third frame, junior lights.

Jesus (Chico) Ruiz, El Paso, made his pro debut with unanimous decision over Carlos Flores, San Antonio, Junior middles.
(07-09-81)

FRANK R. JASSO

VIRGINIA

▲ **FALLS CHURCH—Jhoon Rhee's Black Belt Center—**Scott Farmer, Manassas, Virginia, climbed off the canvas twice to kayo tough Tim Ward in 1:05 of the fourth round in the scheduled eight-round junior welter main event.

Four-rounders: Oce Harper, 135, Washington, D.C., outpointed Ken Corbett, also 135, Harrisburg, Pa. Tony Nelson, 155, Pittsburgh, knocked out Ray Bryant, 156, Washington, D.C., in 1:37 of the first. Frank White, 178, Pittsburgh, edged Jimmy Johnson, also 178, Falls Church. Robert White, 178, Pittsburgh, kayoed George Coates, also 178, Washington, D.C., in 0:56 of the second. Lloyd Taylor, 147, Suitland, outscored Darryl Martin, 143, Harrisburg.
(06-27-81)

ED SCULLEN

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ **TIJUANA—**Abdul Bey, 134, U.S.A., stopped Felipe Urquiza, 135, in two. Rafael Gandarilla, 124, kayoed Miguel (Acapulco) Hernandez, 125, in four. Rafael Chavez, 141,

MEXICAN RATINGS (AS OF JULY 2, 1981)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Fernando (Toro) Montes
1. Jorge (Martillo) Flores
2. Alfredo (Mongol) Ortiz
3. Aldo Montes
4. Jose (Laredo) Gonzalez
5. Guillermo (Memo) Vargas
6. Javier (Chavelo) Lopez
7. Azael Gutierrez
8. Juan Olvera

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
David (Maceton) Cabrera
1. Ladislao (Ruso) Mijangos
2. Elias Equihua
3. Julio Cruz
4. Rosario Gardner
5. Juan Ramon Campas
6. Manuel Vasquez
7. Roberto Cruz
8. Leno Fuente

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Joaquin (Petrolero) Macias
1. Marcos Geraldo
2. Andres Ramirez
3. Jose Mireles
4. Antonio Adame
5. Ernesto Escalante
6. Jose Baquedano
7. Othon Guzman
8. Rafael Corona
9. Benny (Kid) Ibarra
10. Pedro Diaz

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David (Lenteja) Madrid
1. Antonio Leyva
2. Adolfo Sanjeado
3. Alberto Lopez
4. Betillo Gutierrez
5. Abel Cordoba
6. Adan Chavarria
7. Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez
8. Gonzalo (Raton) Montes
9. Sergio Sanchez
10. Juan Elizondo

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez
1. Rafael Nunez
2. Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta
3. Benjamin (Benny) Abarca
4. Felipe Urquiza
5. Cayetano Correa
6. Rodolfo Chavez
7. Vincente Saldivar Mijares
8. Ramon Peraza
9. Raul (Zurdo) Molina
10. Othoniel Lopez

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Justo Garcia
1. Sixto Castillo
2. Gustavo Salgado
3. Juan Paredes
4. Elpidio Infante
5. Roque Montoya
6. Marcos Villasana
7. Guillermo (Lobo) Morales
8. Reyes Gonzalez
9. Luis (Puma) Fuente
10. Cenobio Nicolas

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Norberto Cabrera
1. Jorge Ramirez
2. Paulino Canche
3. Oscar (Negro) Bejinez
4. Ray (Pelon) Rodriguez
5. Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez
6. Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada
7. Francisco (Kiko) Bejinez
8. Javier Marquez
9. Antonio de la Paz
10. No Listing

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Gallegos
1. Gabriel Bernal
2. Raul Valdez
3. Freddie Castillo
4. Jose (Pepillo) Herrera
5. Victor Salcedo
6. Juan Herrera
7. Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez
8. Jorge Manuel Vera
9. Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez
10. Baldomero Santos

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
German Torres
1. Lupe Madera
2. Amado (Pantera) Ursua
3. Candido Tellez
4. Arturo Tebaqui
5. Miguel Leal
6. Javier Lucas
7. Venancio Rosas
8. Luis Enrique Garcia
9. Rafael (Chato) Guerra
10. Ricardo (Finito) Lopez

stopped Jerry Reyes, also 141, in five. "Wari" Beltran, 136, knocked out Hector Nevarez, 135, in three.
(07-13-81)

CHIAPAS

▲ **TUXTLA GUTIERREZ**—Justo Garcia, 125, TKO'd Guillermo (Lobo) Morales, also 125, in four to retain his Mexican featherweight title. Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, 116, TKO'd Samuel Serrano, 115, in eight. Daniel Zaragoza, 119, TKO'd Roque Guillen, 118, in three.
(06-27-81)

COAHUILA

▲ **MONCLOVA**—Armando (Palitos) Perez, 112, kayoed Chucho Cazarez, 111, in the 10th and final round.
(06-12-81)

▲ **MONCLOVA**—Otis Gordon, 176, U.S.A., outpointed Aldo Montes, 175, 10.
(06-19-81)

▲ **PIEDRAS NEGRAS**—Jose Gallegos, 112, retained his Mexican flyweight crown by stopping Baldomero Santos, also 112, in nine. Alberto Lopez, 147, destroyed Lalo Capetillo, 146, in one. Adan Chavarria, 148, TKO'd Jose Rodriguez, 146, in five. Alberto (Bobby) Ruiz, 114, outscored Jose Luis Montalvo, also 114, 10. Carlos (Pollo) Gonzalez, 127, shaded Ricky Avila, 126, 10.
(06-19-81)

▲ **TORREON**—Andres (Pantera) Ramirez, 159, TKO'd Pedro Diaz, also 159, in six. Francisco (Trompo) Marquez, 118, and Manuel (Gillito) Juarez, 117, drew, 10. Lupe Ramirez, 131, outscored Manuel Velasquez, also 131, eight. Rodolfo Quintero, 135, TKO'd "Toro" Morales, 134, in two.
(07-01-81)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Reyes Gonzalez, 125, TKO'd Gerardo Pena, also 125, in four. Pedro (Canon) Diaz, 160, TKO'd Felipe Suarez, 161, in six. Gilberto Garcia, 147, iced Francisco Ortega, 146, in one. Aaron Garcia, 108, TKO'd Pedro Barajas, 109, in six. Hugo Rodriguez, 111, bombed out Mario Romero, 112, in one.
(06-10-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Amado (Pantera) Ursua, 111, TKO'd Arturo Tebaqui, 110, in four. Diego Avila, 117, TKO'd Angel Lira, 118, in five. Gilberto Sosa, 108, outscored Alberto Garcia, 109, eight. Armando Terron, 117, halted Martin (Raton) Diaz, 118, in two. Victor Martinez, 114, stopped Salvador Cardenas, 115, in two.
(06-13-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Bonifacio (Boni) Flores, 125, TKO'd Jorge Morales, also 125, in three. Jesus Becerra, 112, TKO'd Hipolito Hernandez, 113, in nine. Jose Luis Luna, 147, TKO'd Alberto (Punos) Garcia, 148, in three. Ricardo Sosa, 108, and Manual Ordonez, 107, drew, four.
(06-17-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Candido Tellez, 113, won by a disqualification over Eleoncio Mercedes, 113, Dominican Republic, in two. Carlos de la Paz, 113, TKO'd Jose Acosta, also 113, in one. Roberto Martinez, 126, stiffened Alfredo Vasquez, also 126, in two. Ernesto Guzman, 117, outpointed Javier Herrera, 118, six. Rodolfo Flores, 114, outscored Felix Sony, also 114, four. Miguel Zamora, 117, kayoed Nicolas Lopez, 118, in two.
(06-20-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Angel Mata, 135, won by a disqualification over Juan Garcia, also 135, in three. Juan Atilano, 117, kayoed Jose Garibo, 118, in eight. Ramon Escalante, 112, chilled Oscar Moreno, 111, in seven. Victor Montero, 118, outpointed Onesimo Vilchis, 117, six. Paco Gutierrez, 121, TKO'd Florentino Valverde, 120, in one.
(06-24-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Marcos Villasana, 126, stopped Cenobio Nicolas, 124, in four. Francisco Ortega, 147, kayoed Felix (Pachuco) Mendez, 148, in four. Juan Sanchez, 134, TKO'd Sergio Gonzalez, 135, in one. Carlos Linares, 124, TKO'd Silvio Pastrana, also 124, in four. Leopoldo Portillo, 134, TKO'd Antonio Campos, 136, in two.
(06-27-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Saul Linares, 121, outscored Ambrosio Luna, 120, 10. Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 118, whipped Antonio Gallegos, 119, 10. Gabino Rizo, 168, outpointed Julio Toral, 169, eight. Herminio Ramirez, 136, TKO'd Perfecto Salmeron, 134, in four. Juan (Tiburon) Reyes, 125, kayoed Andres Balderas, also 125, in two.
(07-01-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Ladislao (Ruso) Mijangos, 174, TKO'd Roberto Cruz, 171, in two. Augustin Ramirez, 134, won a technical decision over Chucho Ramirez, 135, in four. Aaron Garcia, 108, TKO'd Angel Ortega, 107, in four. Jose Franco, 116, TKO'd Abel Gonzalez, 118, in five. Martin (Motorcito) Flores, 108, outscored Ricardo Aguilar, also 108, four.
(07-04-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Mario (Chapo) Nava, 117, outpointed Armando (Palitos) Perez, 116, 10. Pablo Marquez, 125, TKO'd Jose Gonzalez, 124, in six. Jose Luis Campos, 117, outpointed Noel Herrera, also 117, eight, Carmelo Bustos, 111, and Ernesto Gutierrez, also 111, drew, six. Jose Luis Barboza, 125, TKO'd Albino Gomez, also 125, in three.
(07-08-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez, 109, got the nod over Juan (Monito) Diaz, 114, 10. Heriberto Saavedra, 111, TKO'd Fidel Martinez, 112, in 10. Rene Arredondo, 135, demolished Marcelo Vega, 134, in one. Reynaldo Garcia, 108, and Raul Dominquez, also 108, drew six. Angel Vasquez, 108, outpointed Jose Felix, also 108, four.
(07-11-81)

GUERRERO

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Rene Arredondo, 135, TKO'd Beto Ramos, 134, in three. Rodolfo Arredondo, 129, and Balam Torres, 127, drew, 10.
(06-12-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Jesus (Duende) Chavez, 118, outscored Miguel (Huracan) Juarez, 119, 10. Isidro Perez, 108, halted Ney Hernandez, 107, in two. Esteban Perez, 116, stiffened Casimiro Hernandez, 115, in two.
(06-19-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Alberto Figueroa, 147, TKO'd Oscar Hernandez, 146, in seven. Santiago Murga, 135, stopped Antelmo Flores, 134, in two.
(06-26-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Carmelo (Chino) Montes, 129, TKO'd Florentino Palomeque, 132, in eight. Oscar Burgos, 125, kayoed Salvador Casarrubias, also 125, in seven. Lalo Rojas, 134, outpointed Jose Luis Escalera, 135, eight.
(07-03-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Venancio Rosas, 108, stopped Alfonso Rivera, 109, in seven. Esteban Perez, 119, outpointed Aldo Hernandez, 117, 10.
(07-10-81)

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Sergio Medina, 135, halted Manuel Sanchez, 134, in six. Raul Corona, 125, knocked out "Tili" Beltram, also 125, in three.
(06-19-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Felipe Garcia, 124, got the decision over Jesus Lara, 125, 10.
(07-03-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Sergio Medina, 135, TKO'd Nacho Saucedo, 136, in seven. Camilo Ortiz, 124, TKO'd Ildefonso Bernal, 125, in two.
(07-10-81)

NAYARIT

▲ **TUXPAN**—Jose Sanchez, 134, TKO'd Benny Abarca, 135, in six.
(06-20-81)

SINALOA

▲ **MAZATLAN**—Celso Olivas, 147, and Jose Ruelas, 146, drew, 10.
(06-19-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez, 147, and Johnny Hearns, also 147, U.S.A., no contest in nine. Julio (Cesar) Chavez, 123, knocked out Fidel Navarro, 125, in the first round. Martin Torres, 119, outscored Freddie Moreno, 120, eight.
(06-26-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Jose Luis Hernandez, 111, stopped Rafael (Chato Guerra, 112, in three. Lupe Acosta, 124, kayoed Esteban Guzman, 125, in one.
(07-03-81)

▲ **LOS MOCHIS**—Pedro Galaviz (not the fighter of the same name from Jalisco), 109, kayoed Chalio Roman, 108, in four. Martin Arias, 125, outscored Francisco Islas, 124, eight. Antelmo Peraza, 117, kayoed Francisco Sanchez, 118, in two.
(07-05-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Jose Luis Soberanes, 146, TKO'd Adan Chavarria, 148, in five. Julio (Cesar) Chavez, 123, flattened

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Luis Acosta (Argentina)
1. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
2. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
3. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)
4. Ruben Zamora (Argentina)
5. Jorge Flores (Mexico)
6. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
7. Wendall Joseph (Trinidad)
8. Eddie Lopez (Mexico)
9. Eusebio Hernandez (Mexico)
10. Juan Sosa (Argentina)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Miguel Cea (Chile)
2. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
3. Cesar Duarte (Argentina)
4. Carlos Flores (Uruguay)
5. Juan Fernandez (Argentina)
6. Abel Bailone (Argentina)
7. Ramon Correzuela (Argentina)
8. Carlos Mark (Trinidad)
9. David Cabrera (Mexico)
10. Oscar Rivadeneira (Peru)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
1. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
2. Dunio Mercado (Ecuador)
3. Antonio Montano (Curacao)
4. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
5. Ruben Pardo (Argentina)
6. Joaquin Macias (Mexico)
7. Sigfrido Colorado (Colombia)
8. Juan D. Roldan (Argentina)
9. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
10. Jose Baquedano (Mexico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Alejandro Garrido (Chile)
2. Segundo Murillo (Ecuador)
3. Pedro Cisneros (Nicaragua)
4. Carlos Herrera (Argentina)
5. Marcelo Quinones (Peru)
6. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
7. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
8. Miguel A. Castellini (Argentina)
9. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
10. Nicanor Camacho (Colombia)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Wellington Wheatley (Ecuador)
1. Victor Nilo (Chile)
2. Fernando Rocco Castro (Peru)
3. Alfredo Lucaro (Argentina)
4. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
5. Inocencio de la Rosa (Dominican Rep.)
6. Alberto Lopez (Mexico)
7. Pablo Baez (Dominican Rep.)
8. Eduardo (Tito) Yanni (Argentina)
9. Carlos Mejias (Colombia)
10. Rafael Piamente (Colombia)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Felix Reyes (Dominican Republic)
2. Miguel Montilla (Dominican Rep.)
3. Mercedes Espinoza (Peru)
4. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
5. Roberto Iluffi (Chile)
6. Roberto Alfaro (Argentina)
7. Juan Barboza (Argentina)
8. Jesus Navas (Venezuela)
9. Alfredo Estrada (Peru)
10. German Calderon (Peru)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. Oscar Huerta (Chile)
2. Orlando Romero (Peru)
3. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
4. Ernesto Espana (Venezuela)
5. Luis Beltran Rodriguez (Venezuela)
6. Vilomar Fernandez (Dominican Rep.)
7. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Antonio (Kid Can) Cruz (Dominican Republic)
9. Roberto Elizondo (Mexico)
10. Emilio Guerrero (Nicaragua)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Carlos Lavalle (Peru)
2. Norberto Reyna (Argentina)
3. Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
4. Reynaldo Hidalgo (Panama)
5. Victor Echegaray (Argentina)
6. Leonel Hernandez (Venezuela)
7. Luis Bendezu (Peru)
8. Cocoa Sanchez (Dominican Republic)
9. Victor Pacheco (Colombia)
10. Denis Moran (Nicaragua)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Walter Gonzalez (Peru)
1. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Juan D. Malvarez (Argentina)
4. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
5. Carlos Pinango (Venezuela)
6. Julio Hernandez (Nicaragua)
7. Pedro Miranda (Chile)
8. Armando Perez (Colombia)
6. Ruben Veliz (Venezuela)
10. Guillermo Morales (Mexico)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Juan Aranda (Chile)
2. Jose Jimenez (Ecuador)
3. Leo Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
4. Jesus Caicedo (Colombia)
5. Carlos Bejarano (Nicaragua)
6. Ricardo Cardona (Colombia)
7. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
8. Ulises Morales (Panama)
9. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
10. Feliz Rodriguez (Panama)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Segundo Toledo (Peru)
2. Benito Badilla (Chile)
3. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
4. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
5. Cleo Garcia (Nicaragua)
6. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
7. Jose Narvaez (Argentina)
8. Roberto Rubaldino (Mexico)
9. Norberto Cabrera (Mexico)
10. Gardenio Ulloa (Chile)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Julio Soto Soloano (Dominican Rep.)
1. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
2. Rafael Pedroza (Panama)
3. Luis Ibanez (Peru)
4. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
5. Adelaida Galindo (Mexico)
6. Carlos Gutierrez (Venezuela)
7. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
8. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
9. Celso Chavez (Panama)
10. Freddy Castillo (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jaime Miranda (Chile)
2. Elpidio de Paula (Dominican Rep.)
3. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)
4. Santos Laciar (Venezuela)
5. Betulio Gonzalez (Venezuela)
6. Miguel Canto (Mexico)
7. Miguel Iriarte (Panama)
8. Jovito Rengifo (Venezuela)
9. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
10. Julio Guerrero (Dominican Rep.)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Alfonso Lopez (Panama)
1. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
2. Hector Rey Melendez (Dominican Rep.)
3. German Torres (Mexico)
4. Reynaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
5. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
6. Rodolfo Rodriguez (Argentina)
7. Antonio Nery Maria (Dominican Rep.)
8. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
9. Luis Sierra (Venezuela)
10. Arturo Tebaqui (Mexico)

Bobby Fernandez, 124, in three.
(07-10-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Jesus (Chuyin) Lopez, 118, stopped Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, also 118, in eight. Julio (Cesar) Chavez, 118, kayoed Victor Games, 120, in the first round. Juan Isidro, 123, halted Miguel Flores, also 123, in seven.
(06-05-81)

SONORA

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Celso Olivas, 148, knocked out Esiquio Gutierrez, 149, in six.
(05-29-81)

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Martin (Camaron) Castro, 126, kayoed Enrique Torres, 125, in two. Ignacio (Tanquecito) Lopez, 111, halted Jesus Jimenez, also 111, in four. Eduardo Enriquez, 147, knocked out Manuel Jurado, also 147, in one. Roberto Chavez, 117, demolished Victor Romero, 116, in one.
(06-17-81)

▲ **HERMOSILLO**—David (Maceton) Cabrera, 178, halted Jesse Island, 179, U.S.A., in two.
(06-26-81)

▲ **GUAYMAS**—Martin (Camaron) Castro, 125, TKO'd "Chamaco" Arias, also 125, in three. Ignacio Lopez, 147, TKO'd "Chino" Zavala, 148, in eight. Roberto Garcia, 123, kayoed "Bozookita" Mendez, 121, in three.
(06-26-81)

▲ **HERMOSILLO**—Jorge Ramirez, 117, TKO'd Norberto Cabrera, 118, to win the Mexican bantamweight title, two.
(07-10-81)

▲ **GYAYMAS**—Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 119, TKO'd Horacio Pintado, 118, in four.
(07-10-81)

TAMAULIPAS

▲ **REYNOSA**—Jorge Torres, 146, halted Hector (Tito) Rosario, 145, Puerto Rico, in four. Candelario Hernandez, 134, stopped Ubaldo Valle, 136, in five.
(06-15-81)

▲ **REYNOSA**—Chucho de la Cruz, 135, won by a disqualification over Juan del Toro, also 135, in eight to retain his Tamaulipas State lightweight crown. Mario Gonzalez, 126, halted Jose Flores, 127, in three. Paco Balderas, 119, stopped Carlos Tovar, 120, in one. Hugo Espinosa, 115, and Ruben Carrizales, also 115, drew, four.
(06-22-81)

VERACRUZ

▲ **COLONIA DIAZ ORDAZ**—"Gato" Toledo, 134, TKO'd Rudiciel Solar, 135, in six.
(06-12-81)

▲ **POZA RICA**—Pedro Alonso, 124, outpointed Rafael Gonzalez, 125, 10. Francisco Tolentino, 134, trimmed Juan Sarmiento, 135, 10.
(06-19-81)

▲ **POZA RICA**—David (Lenteja) Madrid, 146, TKO'd Antonio Leyva, 147, in five to retain his Mexican welterweight title. Eduardo Esparza, 108, TKO'd Goyo Mendez, 109, in four. Jose Luis Madrid, 135, TKO'd Carlos Figueroa, 134, in six.
(07-10-81)

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SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▲ **BUENAVENTURA**—Emiliano Villa, Colombia, knocked out Sigifredo Colorado in the sixth frame of a scheduled 10-round junior middle contest.

▲ **BOGOTA**—Manuel Zambrano, Cartagena, won the Colombian middleweight crown by knocking out Raul Diaz, Bogota, in 1:02 of the seventh.

Manuel Saavedra, Ibaque, retained his Colombian junior middleweight title by outpointing Jairo Segovia, Santa Marta, 12.

Alejandro Galvia, Bogota, outscored Ramon Henriquez, Quibdo, 10, featherweights.

Jose Castillo, Bogota, TKO'd Efrain Llerena, Cartagena, at 0:56 of the second round, light heavyweights.

▲ **BARRANQUILLA**—Former WBA junior featherweight champ Ricardo Cardona, 126, won a disputed verdict over Jose Cueto, 123, Panama, 10, Cueto made good use of his left jab.

Prudencio Cardona, 114, kayoed Pastor Chavarria, 116, Nicaragua, in the first round.

Felipe Orozco, 122, Colombia, outscored Carlos Bejarano, 121, Nicaragua, 10. Orozco is still undefeated.

Luis Enrique (Gavilan) Orozco, knocked out Alexis Caballero, 133¼, Panama, in the sixth. Martinez kissed the canvas in the fourth round.

Leonardo Aguaslimpias, 125¾, outscored Carlos (Fochita) Hernandez, also 125¾, Cartagena, six. Agusaslimpias is also undefeated.

Sugar (Baby) Rojas, 113, outpointed Alfredo Gomez, 113¼, six.

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

EUROPE

BELGIUM

▲ **ZELE**—Dave Williams outscored Hugo Carrizo, 10, lightweights. Frankie DeCaestecker outpointed Billy Waith, eight, welters. Antonio Torsello kayoed Alois Carmeliet, three, junior middles. Gilbert Bayens outscored Benito Murillo, eight, junior welters.
(05-02-81)

▲ **LA LOUVIERE**—Angelo Licata outpointed Guy Caudron, eight, lightweights. Albert Tomas and Luc Goossens drew, six, light heavyweights.
(05-08-81)

▲ **LIEGE**—Daragan Popovic TKO'd Jean Pierre Coopmans, five, heavyweights. Jean Simos outscored Dominique Fortemps, six, welters. Jean Marc Renard TKO'd Rafael Blanco, five, featherweights.
(05-16-81)

▲ **BINCHE**—Jo Bollue outpointed Azzio Alaoui, eight, welterweights. Claudio Bosio outpointed Fefe Osana, six, middles. Sergio Bosio outscored Bruno Arati, eight, light heavies.
(05-30-81)

FRANCE

▲ **AIX EN PROVENCE**—Aldo Di Benedetto TKO'd Patrick Drelon, seven, lightweights.
(05-07-81)

▲ **NICE**—Jean Louis Coquin outpointed Khaled Bagoro, six, junior middles.
(05-08-81)

▲ **CRIEL**—Gerard Jacob TKO'd Jamel Benmeziame, one, featherweights. Jean Jacques Souris outscored Arturo De Prezzo, eight, bantams. Giovanni Chirra outpointed Patrick Babouram, six, welters.
(05-09-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Hadi Zitouni outpointed Smail Guechou, six, featherweights. Nassar Ould Mohand outscored Philipe Pommard, six, lightweights.
(05-09-81)

▲ **MASSY**—Pierre Frank Winterstein knocked out Mike Burton five, middleweights. Roselande Bounet outscored Carmen Basisa, six, welterweights.
(05-15-81)

▲ **CREPY EN VALOIS**—Laurent Grimbert outpointed Antonio Franca, six, featherweights.
(05-15-81)

▲ **CALAIS**—Joey Mack TKO'd Michel Pagani, five, middleweights. Francis Bailleul TKO'd Maurice Fico, nine, junior lights.
(05-16-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Louis Acaries TKO'd Al Romano, five, junior middles. Jean Marie Emebe TKO'd Melvin Dennis, three, middleweights. Paul Tchoue outscored Soumalia Doumbia, six. Gilles Elbilia outpointed Christian Blondel, six, welterweights. Smail Guechou outscored Jose Baptiste, six, feathers.
(05-21-81)

▲ **BOULOGNE**—Rene Martin kayoed Gerard Jacob, five, lightweights.
(05-22-81)

▲ **ST. GILLES DU GARD**—Pierre Frank Winterstein TKO'd Justin Foudi, three, middles. Giovanni Martorina outscored Dominique Deloeme, eight. Dominique Piedeleu retained his French flyweight title by outpointing Nessim Zebilini, 12.
(05-22-81)

▲ **LONS LE SAUNIER**—Francis Tripp outscored Josia Da Silva, six, lightweights.
(05-22-81)

▲ **ST. MALO**—Claude Martin won the vacant French junior middle title by outscoring Yvon Segor, 12.
(05-23-81)

▲ **CHATEAUNEUF SUR LOIRE**—Philipe Martin kayoed Jean Jacques Souris, nine, featherweights.
(05-29-81)

▲ **ST. NAZAIRE**—Germain LeMaitre and Robert Gambini drew, eight.
(05-30-81)

ITALY

▲ **PIANCENZ**—Parizio Oliva kayoed Rene Martin, four, junior welters.
(05-01-81)

▲ **SENIGAGLIA**—Marco Boerco knocked out Charlie Han-

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (Great Britain)
1. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
6. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
7. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)
8. Bernd August (Germany)
9. Al Syben (Belgium)
10. Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
3. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Avenamar Peralta (Spain)
6. Dennis Andries (Belgium)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Karl Canwell (Great Britain)
9. Shaun Chalcraft (Great Britain)
10. Christian Cavina (Italy)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Alan Minter (Great Britain)
2. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
3. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
4. Adona Amana (Spain)
5. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
6. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
7. Pierre Joly (France)
8. Jose Lozano (Spain)
9. Eddie Burke (Great Britain)
10. Eddie Smith (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Luigi Michillo (Italy)
1. Maurice Hope (Great Britain)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
5. Pat Thomas (Great Britain)
6. Dave (Boy) Green (Great Britain)
7. Steve Hopkin (Great Britain)
8. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
9. Eckhard Dagge (Germany)
10. George Warusfel (France)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Hans Hendrik Palm (Denmark)
3. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
4. Piero Angelo Piras (Italy)
5. Richard Rodriguez (France)
6. Roger Zenon (France)
7. Alois Carmeliet (Belgium)
8. Fred Coranson (France)
9. Salvatore Cascio (Italy)
10. Claude Lancastre (France)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
1. Jo Kimpuani (France)
2. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
3. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
4. Steve Early (Great Britain)
5. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
6. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
7. Ken Buchanan (Great Britain)
8. Christian Gracia (France)
9. Andre Holyk (France)
10. Luciano Navarra (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
1. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
2. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
3. Francisco Leon (Spain)
4. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
5. George Feeney (Great Britain)
6. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
7. Dave McCabe (Great Britain)
8. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
9. Dave Williams (Great Britain)
10. Winston Spencer (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)
3. Carlos Miguel Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Aristid Pizzo (Italy)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
6. Roman Marichal (Spain)
7. Alessandro Nardi (Italy)
8. Natale Vezzoli (Italy)
9. Maurice Apeang (France)
10. Isido Cabeza (Spain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
3. Manuel Masso (Spain)
4. Esteban Esquia (Spain)
5. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
6. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
7. Alfredo Mulas (Italy)
8. Michele Siracuse (Italy)
9. Marco Gallo (Italy)
10. Petito Di Muro (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Valerio Nati (Italy)
1. John Feeney (Great Britain)
2. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
3. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Gary Nickels (Great Britain)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Manuel Barquin (Spain)
10. Giovanni Pasca (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Manuel Carrasco (Spain)
3. Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
4. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
5. Sabatino De Filippo (Italy)
6. Emilio Pireddu (Italy)
7. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
8. Dominique Piedele (Italy)
9. Mario Bitetto (Italy)
10. Franco Cherchi (Italy)

dry, two, junior welterweights. Giuseppe Martinese outpointed Bechir Jelassi, six, junior welters.
(05-01-81)

▲ **OSTIA**—Sesto Pomponi kayoed Domenico Scognamiglio, one, junior welterweights. Raimondo Moi outscored Giuseppe Agate, eight, welters.
(05-03-81)

▲ **FAENZA**—Helmut Owessle TKO'd Daniele Laghi, eight, heavyweights. Permarino Pagani and Nazif Biberovic drew, middleweights.
(05-08-81)

▲ **LUCCA**—Rosario Pacileo kayoed Markele Mosino, seven, middles.
(05-08-81)

▲ **CREMONA**—Nino La Rocca outscored Claudio Pereira, eight, junior middleweights. Giancarlo Compiano outpointed Josia Da Silva, six, lightweights.
(05-09-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Paolo Castrovilli retained his Italian flyweight title by outpointing Emilio Pireddu, 10. Loris Stecca outscored Angel Oliver, eight, featherweights. Giuseppe Tidu outpointed Giorgio Pipa, eight, lightweights. Biago Vallefuoco TKO'd Mauro Galmozzi, three, light heavyweights. Alessandro Casanova and Peter Mulindwa drew, six, heavies.
(05-14-81)

▲ **PESARO**—Juan Jose Giminez knocked out Dan M'Putu, five, junior welterweights.
(05-15-81)

▲ **REGGIO EMILIA**—Nino La Rocca outscored Michele Siracusa, eight, welters. Gaetano Ardito TKO'd Eugene Dovin, four, middleweights.

▲ **PADOVA**—Patricio Oliva TKO'd Francesco Gallo, seven, junior welterweights. Gennaro Maurilello TKO'd Jose Centra, two, light heavyweights.
(05-16-81)

▲ **CAGLIARI**—Bruno De Montis outscored Giuseppe Agata, eight, lightweights. Fabio Mannai outpointed Martin Antich, six, feathers.
(05-16-81)

▲ **OSTIA**—Raimondo Moi TKO'd Luigi Curcetti, four, junior welters. Luciano Frasca and Joseph Sekisambu drew, six, featherweights.
(05-22-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Salvatore Melluzzo TKO'd Jim McKeown, seven, featherweights. Water Cevoli TKO'd Henry Cooper, two, light heavies. Nello Jovino outscored Giancarlo Compiani, six, junior lights. Franco Cherchi TKO'd Mario De Prosperis, three, flyweights. Corrado Sortino outpointed Mauro Da Cruz, six, junior middles.
(05-22-81)

▲ **PISA**—Seynomjo Davis kayoed Gilberto Zaccheo, five, welters.
(05-23-81)

▲ **NEPI**—Lello Lanzellotto outpointed Aniello Ventrone, six, lightweights.
(05-23-81)

▲ **PORDENONE**—Luciano Bomben TKO'd Roy Kaba, six, middleweights. Luciano Sorgen outscored Mauro Da Cruz, six, welters.
(05-23-81)

▲ **SAN REMO**—Alex Ramos outpointed Danny Long, eight, middleweights. Tony Ayala TKO'd Pat Hallacy, four, junior middles. Davey Moore kayoed Josef Nsubuga, one, welterweights. Johnny Bumphus TKO'd Alseneo Green, seven, junior welters. Nino La Rocca TKO'd Fred Coransen, four, welterweights.
(05-23-81)

▲ **AGNONE**—Giuseppe Martinese retained his Italian junior welter title by outscoring Luciano Navarra, 10. Jose Ramon Alvarez outpointed Mario Tiano, eight, lights.
(05-27-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Walter Cevoli outscored Manuel Lira, eight, light heavies. Matteo Salvemini TKO'd Juan Scassino, two, middles. Gaetano Ardito knocked out Joachin de Oliveira, two. Sumba Kalambay TKO'd Giovanni Martolina, one. Victor Quinone TKO'd Jean Philippe Truchelut, two.
(05-25-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Luigi Minchillo outpointed Horace McKenzie, eight, junior middles. Corrado Sortino outscored Mauro Da Cruz, eight, junior middles. Giuseppe Tidu TKO'd Aniello Ventrone, five, lights. Luciano Sorgon and Davis Sseynomjo drew, eight, welterweights.
(06-04-81)

▲ **VICENZA**—Giuseppe Fossati TKO'd Dominique Piedeleu, seven, bantamweights.
(06-06-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Clemente Tshinza TKO'd Rocky Mattioli, 10, junior middleweights. Giuseppe Leto TKO'd Christian Blondel, one, welters. Loris Stecca outscored Melquidas Da Silva, eight, featherweights. Franco Cherchi outscored Nessim Zebelini, eight, flyweights. Salvatore Liscapade outpointed Natale Caredda, eight, junior lights.
(06-11-81)

▲ **ROME**—Domenico Adinolfi TKO'd Vasco Faustinho, seven, heavyweights. Franco Federici TKO'd Antonio Tescione, three, heavies.
(06-12-81)

▲ **CERVIA**—Massimo Angelia outscored Santillo Alvarez, eight, junior lightweights. Helenio Ferreira TKO'd Lorenzo Paciullo, five, featherweights. Giuseppe Pellegrino outpointed Abass Macauley, six, lightweights.
(06-17-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Aristide Pizzo retained his Italian junior lightweight crown with a fourth round TKO over Luigi De Rosa. Jose Quinones kayoed Paul Muyodi, one, middleweights. Walter Cevoli outscored Moses N'Samba, six, light heavyweights. Giuseppe La Vite TKO'd Richard Sake, four, feathers.
(06-18-81)

▲ **FIRENZE**—Gaetano Ardito TKO'd Idrossa Konate, three, middleweights. Bechir Jelassi outpointed Massimo Cini, six, junior welters. Bruno Simili TKO'd Maurice Cotin, one, junior welters.
(06-19-81)

▲ **PESARO**—Sumbu Kalambay TKO'd Christian D'Helft, three, middleweights. Marcello Paciucci outscored Gabriele Lazzari, six, light heavies.
(06-27-81)

▲ **NAPLES**—Alfredo Raininger outpointed Potito Di Muro, eight, junior lightweights. Gaetano Caso TKO'd Eloi De Souza, three, welters. Pasquale Rippa TKO'd Piermarino Pagani, five, middleweights. Gennaro Mauriello TKO'd Darko Barakovic, three, light heavies.
(06-29-81)

NETHERLANDS

▲ **NOTES**—Holland has a strong squad of 13 professionals, and boxing is thriving, with promoter Henk Ruhling putting on shows frequently and drawing good crowds.

SPAIN

▲ **NOTES**—Roberto Castanon has vacated his European featherweight title. A broken shoulder bone suffered in training forced him to relinquish the crown that he won in 1977 and successfully defended 12 times. Castanon is 28 years old, having been born in Leon, Spain, on March 4, 1953.

The surprise of the day is that the European Boxing Union has nominated Laurent Grimbert, France, and Salvatore Melluzzo, Italy, to fight for the vacant throne. The official challenger is Pat Cowdell, Great Britain, who appears to have been shelved for turning down a title shot at Castanon some time ago. Cowdell did so because he's reluctant to fight in Spain, where the contest would have been held. British fighters have been given some raw deals in Spain in the past. Cowdell, for the record, stopped Grimbert in eight rounds earlier this year.

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UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **SHEFFIELD—City Hall**—British light-middleweight champion Herol Graham, Sheffield, 158¾, beat Central Area champion Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 155½, the bout being stopped halfway through the opening round after Rodney had been down three times.

It was Graham's first contest since he won the title, and the Sheffield southpaw took this opportunity to confound those critics who had cast doubts on his punching ability.

Herol was two and three quarter pounds over the stipulated poundage at the weigh-in and paid forfeit. No title was at stake.

Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 192, defeated Rodney's stablemate, Theo Joseph, 200, also in the first round. The referee intervened when Joseph, still upright, had stopped punching back.

Walter Clayton, Sheffield, 137, defeated Eric Wood, Doncaster, 137½, who was disqualified in round four for persistent holding.

Glyn Rhodes, Sheffield, 136, beat Paul Keers, 134, Hartlepool, the bout being halted in round one after the latter had been down from a right hand.

Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 155½, stopped Steve Henty, Brighton, 150, the referee intervening in round seven with the plucky Henty still on his feet but taking punishment.

Debutant Peter Bennett, Sheffield, 148, beat Dave Dunn, Rossendale, 150, the referee's stoppage coming in round four. Bennett looked impressive.

Six bouts—less than 18 rounds.
(06-17-81)

▲ **GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Scottish light welter champ George Peacock, 142, overcame a torrid three rounds to beat Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 144, the referee intervening in round six with Christie cut by the right eye his left eye swollen.

An exciting bout, with Christie punching fast and showing plenty of aggression for three rounds. But then he looked to be tired from his own exertions, and Peacock started to come into his own.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 156½, outpointed Henry Cooper, Larkhall, 162½, over eight by the narrow margin of 79-78½. Cooper was down in round two.

John Sharkey, Glasgow, 127, kayoed Selvin Bell, Manchester, 130, in round five. Sharkey was down in round one; Bell was wrestled down twice in round four, and went down again in round five before taking the count on his knees.

Debutant Andy Peden, Paisley, 176, beat Paul Heatley, Manchester, 177½, the bout being stopped halfway through the fourth and final round after Heatley had been down.
(06-22-81)

▲ **LONDON—Merton Civic Hall**—Pat McCann, Harrow, 176½, outpointed Shaun Chalcraft, Crawley, 177, over eight by the narrow margin of 79-78½. A fine victory for McCann, in the throes of a comeback, to beat the man rated the number five light heavyweight in Britain.

Both were marked. McCann was bruised by the right eye, and Chalcraft handicapped from the second round by a cut near the right eye.

An excellent contest, both having their moments, and both being warned as the exchanges got hectic.

Martin Nee, Paddington, 208, drew with Denton Ruddock, Camberwell, 196, over eight. Nee was decked in round six, but he recovered well and finished strongly.

Best fight of the night was between Gerry McGarth, Paddington, 148½, and Alan Cable, Croydon, 151, won by the former on points over eight, scoreline 79-78½.

Enthusiastic fans threw in nobbins afterwards in tribute to a great contest. Cable looked momentarily in trouble in round four, but came back strongly, and the action continued after the bell ended the round.

McGrath's left eye was swollen in round seven, and the final session was toe-to-toe.

Paul Newman, Bognor, 170, outscored Lee White, Carshalton, 179½, over eight by 79½-78½. White was down from a right hand in the opening round, but got up immediately.

Michael Booth, Crawley, 135, beat Martin Bolton, Norwich, 135, the bout being stopped in round three with the latter still upright but taking punishment.

Peter Simon, Battersea, 157½, outpointed Al Neville, Tottenham, 156, over six by 59½-58½.

Gary Kittle, Cranleigh, 132, kayoed Tony Whitmore, Norwich, 126, in 0:53 of round one with a left to the body.
(05-28-81)

▲ **EDGBASTON—Tower Ballroom**—Cliff Gilpin, Telford, 151½, outpointed Achille Mitchell, Coventry, 152, over eight by 79½-77.

Gilpin, who invariably switches to southpaw and back, kept to the orthodox stance for the duration of the bout. Both men went down in round three but were up before a count could be started.

A right hand put Mitchell on the canvas just after the bell ended round six, and Gilpin handicapped by a cut near the right eye, kept on top. It was his 12th contest without a loss.

Antonio Harris, Birmingham, 173, outscored Joe Jackson, Coventry, 167, over six by 59½-58½.

Debutant Jarlath McGough, Coventry, 168, kayoed Winston Davis, Rugby, 164, in round four with a left hand after decking him three times. McGough himself was down in round three.

Martin (brother of Jarlath) McGough, 144, outscored Paul Murray, Birmingham, 147, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

Willie Wright, Birmingham, 164, outpointed Russ Humphreys, Shrewsbury, 162, over six, again by the margin of 59-58½.
(05-28-81)

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall**—British featherweight champion Pat Cowdell, 127, beat Frenchman Laurent Grimbert, 128¾, the referee intervening in round eight with Grimbert still on his feet but taking punishment.

Cowdell gave a flawless display, and the Frenchman wasn't in the same class, being cut on the nose and marked on the face.

Tommy Taylor, Hednesford, 175, outpointed Billy Savage, Nigeria, 175, over eight by 79½-77. Taylor was cut above the left eye.

Jim Burns, Rugeley, 203, beat Gordon Charlesworth Stevenage, 204, the bout being halted after 1:12 of the opening round. The latter had been down from a right hand, and was being freely punished.

A draw seemed a fair result between John Humphreys, 164, Telford, and Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 161, after six rounds of action. Humphreys was cut by the right eye and the nose, and did well to overcome those handicaps.

Debutant Deno Wallace, Wolverhampton, 162, drew with Mickey Kidd, Nuneaton, 162, six.

Gary Buckle, Wednesbury, 149, narrowly outscored Peter Stockdale, Grimsby, 148, over six by 59-58½. Both were marked, Stockdale with a cut left eye that was almost closed, and Buckle with a swelling around the left eye.
(06-01-81)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Nobbins followed the bout in which Tim Moloney, Brighton, 138, comfortably outscored Bobby Welburn, Hull, 142, over eight by 79½-76½.

Substitute Welburn pinned his faith in an early victory, and threw several big right hands in the opening session. But Moloney weathered the storm, and put his man down twice.

Welburn got slower and weaker as the fight proceeded, and did well to survive a hectic last round.

Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 129½, outscored Steve Pollard, Hull, 129, over eight by 79-78. Pollard showed plenty of aggression, but was cut over the left eye.

After the halfway stage, Lucas forged ahead with neat jabs, and the final round was all action.

Frank Johnson, Farnborough, 145, produced a fine debut by outpointing Mike Bromby, Hull, 142½, not losing any of the six rounds. Scoreline: 60-57½.
(06-01-81)

▲ **NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club**—Carl Cleasby, Pudsey, 120, outpointed George Bailey, Bradford, 115, over eight by 79-78.

Very little positive action in this one, and, at the beginning of round three, the referee requested more action from both men. Cleasby's cleaner punching turned the scales.

There were deserved nobbins after Brain Hyslop, Glasgow, 127, finished off Stuart Shaw, Nottingham, 126, with a right hand in round five after decking him in round three.

Debutant Shaw had his moments, especially in round four, when he forced his man on the defensive, but it was the lethal right hand of Hyslop that did the trick.

Glen Crump, Sheffield, 149, outpointed Steve Brannan, Nuneaton, 147, over six by the narrowest margin of 59½-59 over six. Crump bled from the nose.

Stuart Nicol, Cambuslang, 121, defeated Paddy Maguire, Birmingham, 125, the bout being stopped in round three after Maguire had been floored.

John Sharkey, Glasgow, 126, beat Steve Farnsworth, Sheffield, the referee intervening in round three when Farnsworth was cut over the left eye. There were protests that an illegal blow had caused the cut.
(06-01-81)

▲ **MORECAMBE—Central Pier**—Alan Lamb, Lancaster, 141, survived a first round knockdown, to beat substitute Patrizio Burini, Italy, in round three, the referee intervening after Burini had been down.

Lamb said afterwards that the right hand with which Burini

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
2. John L. Gardner (England)
3. Gordon Ferris (No. Ireland)
4. Neville Meade (England)
5. Billy Aird (England)
6. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
7. Steve Aczel (Australia)
8. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
9. Stan McDermott (England)
10. Ken Lagusta (Canada)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Gary Summerhays (Canada)
5. Tony Mundine (Australia)
6. Bunny Johnson (England)
7. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
8. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
9. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
10. Dennis Andries (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Alan Minter (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (St. Kitts)
4. Eddie Melo (Canada)
5. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
6. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
7. Wally Carr (Australia)
8. Eddie Burke (Scotland)
9. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
10. Mack Truck (Canada)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
1. Maurice Hope (England)
2. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
3. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
4. Rocky Mattioli (Australia)
5. Herol Graham (England)
6. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
7. Dave (Boy) Green (England)
8. Steve Dennis (Australia)
9. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
10. Steve Hopkin (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Frank Ropis (Australia)
3. Mark Harris (Guyana)
4. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
5. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
6. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
7. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
8. Lachie Austin (Australia)
9. Dave Barago (Australia)
10. Reggie Ford (Guyana)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Steve Early (England)
4. Des Morrison (England)
5. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
6. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
7. Ken Buchanan (Scotland)
8. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
9. Chris Sanigar (England)
10. Sid Smith (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Jim Watt (Scotland)
2. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
3. Charlie Nash (No. Ireland)
4. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
5. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
6. Ray Cattouse (England)
7. John Summerhays (Canada)
8. Nick Furlano (Canada)
9. George Feeney (England)
10. Dave McCabe (Scotland)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Ford (Guyana)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Jimmy Flint (England)
3. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Leonard Pinnock (Canada)
7. Thomas Gourley (Canada)
8. Vernon Penprase (England)
9. Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
10. Tiger Mann (Papua)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (England)
2. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Francis Musankabla (Zimbabwe)
6. Gary Nickels (England)
7. Stix Macleod (Zimbabwe)
8. Young Ali (Nigeria)
9. Jimmy Bowen (Australia)
10. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
4. Pedro Solo (Australia)
5. John Hipwell (Australia)
6. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
7. Dave George (Wales)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Sam Eme (Nigeria)
10. Attah Yeboah (Canada)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Uganda), Kazeem Armah (Nigeria), Willi Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (Australia).

caught him was the hardest punch he had ever received. Yet, he rose at eight and was fighting back strongly for the rest of the opening session.

Before the closure was applied, Burini was cut by the right eye and the nose.

On the deck in round two, Kerry Collins, Merthyr, got up to outpoint lightweight George Schofield, Liverpool, over eight after putting his opponent down in round seven.

Dennis Pryce, Wolverhampton, beat Tony Sinnott, Liverpool, in a welterweight bout, the latter being disqualified in round two for allegedly biting his opponent's ear. The ear needed two stitches. Sinnott had been warned in the opening session.

Featherweight David Miles of Wales, 123, narrowly outscored Pat Doherty, 124, over six by 59-58½.

Debutant Vince Griffin, Widnes, defeated Phil Ellis, Liverpool, the bout being stopped in round two a lightweight encounter.
(06-04-81)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—** Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 137, scored his 10th consecutive victory by beating Paul Wake, Hull, 138, the referee intervening in round five with Wake still upright but taking punishment.

Wake did his best and put up a gallant fight, but the contest confirmed the ratings of the two boxers—Foreman number 27 and Wake number 48.

Many thought debutant Carl Campbell, Bradford, 124, a trifle lucky to gain a draw with Carl Gaynor, Manchester, 128, over six.

Ray Price, Swansea, 138, defeated John Lindo, Bradford, 142, the bout being stopped in round two. The exchanges had been hectic, and Lindo protested at the decision.

Gerry Beard, Norringham, 133, outscored Ken Rathburn, Manchester, 132, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.
(06-08-81)

▲ **MOTHERWELL—Civic Centre—** In a battle of southpaws, Darwin Brewster, Cardiff, 150, beat Alan Mann, Fort William, 146½, the referee intervening just before the end of the opening round with Mann taking punishment on the ropes.

Mann had won both previous bouts on one-round knockouts, but was given no chance to make it a hat-trick. Brewster waded into his man at the first bell, and never let up.

Willie Booth, Airdrie, 135½, easily outscored George Metcalfe, Newcastle, 135¾, over eight by 79½-77½. An important victory for Booth, previously rated 18. Metcalfe was ranked 12 in the lightweight division.

In fairness to Metcalfe, he was handicapped by a cut left eye. But this should not be allowed to detract from the performance of Booth, who boxed coolly and competently.

Billy Straub, Motherwell, 119¼, came back well a lay-off to outpoint Carl Cleasby, Pudsey, 118, over eight by 79½-77. A good contest, and Cleasby did his share to make it so, but Straub's cleaner punching gained him a deserved victory.

Bill Smith, Newcastle, 136½, stopped Chris McCallum, Edingburgh, 137, in round four after decking him twice in round two.

Liam Linnen, Coatbridge, 150, narrowly outpointed Jimmy Hunter, Glasgow, 150, over six by 59½-59. At the last count, there were 112 welterweights in Britain, and Hunter was rated 110, so he can be said to have done well against an opponent ranked 63.
(06-08-81)

▲ **LONDON—Porter Tun Rooms—** David Pearce, Newport, 196, confirmed his rating of number four British heavyweight contender by beating Isaac Hussein, Islington, 210, the bout being stopped 30 seconds before the end of the opening round.

Hussein protested at the decision, but was being driven around the ring and not retaliating against the welter of punches from Pearce.

Steve Jarman, Catford, 162, kayoed Peter Simon, Battersea, 160, in round three with a left hook. Plenty of excitement in this one, with Simon looking as if he had survived his opponent's early attacks, then wilting in the third and taking several hard punches to the head.

Dave Finigan, Balham, 146, just got home against Randy Henderson, Leyton, 148, the points margin being 59-58½ after six. Finigan was bruised by the left eye, and had to withstand a furious attack in the final session.
(06-08-81)

▲ **NEWPORT—Ebbw Bridge Club—** Steve Sims, Newport, 125½, outpointed Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 124, over 10 by 98½-97 in the official eliminator for the British featherweight title.

When they met six months earlier, the result was a draw, and this one seemed closer than the scoreline suggests. Nevertheless, an important victory for the local boxer, and a good contest to watch.

Both relied mainly on their left leads to chalk up the points, and, as round succeeded round, there didn't seem much to choose between them. Both brought their right hands into play in the later stages, and the result was greeted with loud applause from Sims' supporters.

Steve now goes on to meet Jimmy Flint in a final eliminator, winner to meet champion Pat Cowdell.

Aneurin Williams, Gilwern, 172, beat Phil Williams, Plymouth, 165, the referee intervening halfway through the opening round after Phil had been decked by a right to the head.

Michael Wilks, Merthyr, 125¼, outpointed Ken Coughlin, Ebbw Vale, 126¾, over six by 59½-57½.

Tryell Wilson, Newport, 140, drew with Sam Omidi, an Iranian based in Plymouth 138, over six. Sam was making his debut, and he gave a good account of himself.
(06-09-81)

▲ **LONDON—World Sporting Club—** Larry McDonald, Tottenham, 237, drew with Stewart Lithgoe, Hartlepool, 197½, over eight. It looked to be a fair result, and Lithgoe did well to concede so much poundage, thus retaining his unbeaten record.

McDonald was cut in the fourth around the left eye, but kept going, and both had their moments in a contest in which there was too much holding and other infringements, for which both were warned on several occasions.

Jimmy Cable, Orpington, 157, kayoed Neil Fannon, Hartlepool, 156, in round five for his eighth successive victory. Cable was down in rounds two and three. Jimmy got up to deck his opponent twice in the third and finished him off with a right hand in round five.

Lee McKenzie, Croydon, 141, avenged his only previous defeat by outpointing Alan Cooper, Brighton, 142, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 171, outscored Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 171, by 59½-58 over six. Goodwin was decked in the opening session and cut by the right eye in round three.

Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 152, outpointed Jackie Sharp, Lewisham, 151, by the narrow margin of 59½-59 over six. Sharp was making his debut and was warned for "incorrect punching."
(06-15-81)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—** Scottish lightwelter champion George Peacock, 142, beat Colin Wake, Hull, 141, for the second time, and didn't lose any of the eight rounds in an 80-76½ scoreline.

Nevertheless, Wake would never concede, and fought it out grimly until the end, bringing applause from the patrons.

In the opening round, Wake split his right glove, and pieces of padding continued to fall on the canvas until the end of the session, when the glove was changed.

Wake was down in round five, more from weariness, and he tried more as the bout proceeded, but was still endeavouring to give punch-for-punch at the final bell.

Clyde Ruan, Slough, 130½, beat Peter Eubanks, Brighton, the referee intervening with just over a minute left of the eight and final round. Eubanks had been decked with a right hand.

John Joseph, Hayes, 171, defeated Mark Seabrook, Tufnell Park, 172, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been down in the previous session. Seabrook previously boxed as "Mark Cumber."

Alan Tombs, Hastings, 134, beat Mike Bromby, Hull, 137, the referee intervening just after the start of round four with Bromby cut over the left eye, an injury that required five stitches. Tombs was cut over the right eye in the early stages.
(06-15-81)

▲ **SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club—** A fine pro debut for Alan Power, 150½, brother of former British and European lightwelter champ Colin Power, who beat Lee Roy, Stoke, 150, the referee intervening in round five after Roy had been down twice.

Winston McKenzie, 150, another with a famous brother (British lightweight champ Clinton McKenzie) wasn't so lucky as Power. Winston was narrowly outpointed by Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 142, over six by 59-58½.

Roy Hood, Liverpool, 137, drew over six with Alan Tombs, Hastings, 136½, Both were making their debuts.

Tim McHugh, Liverpool, 156, outscored John Ridgman, Boreham Wood, 153, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 173, outpointed Dave Turner, Liverpool, 176, not losing a round. Scoreline: 60-57½.
(06-09-81)

▲ **HULL—City Hall—** Ricky Beaumont, Hull, 134, beat substitute Hector Molina, Chile, but based in Spain, 134½, the bout being stopped to save Molina from unnecessary punishment after he had been down.

Beaumont was to have met champion Ray Cattouse for the British lightweight title, but the latter had to withdraw with a shoulder and neck injury.

Molina gave Ricky a good workout, but the latter came out of it with a bump over the left eye. The Chilean had a cut by the right optic.

Steve Pollard, Hull, 128, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing John Sharkey, Glasgow, 131, over eight by 79-78. It was Sharkey's first defeat.

Bobby Welburn, Hull,140, gained a narrow points win over Eric Wood, Doncaster, 138, scoreline 79-78½ after eight. Wood wasn't happy with the verdict, and it certainly was close.

Gary Petty, Hull, 148, comfortably outscored Steve Ward, Nottingham, 151, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Stuart Nicol, Cambuslang, 119, beat Gordon Haigh, Hull, 120½, the referee intervening in round five "to save Haigh unnecessary punishment." Haigh was down in the opening session. In previous bouts, they had won one each.
(06-11-81)

▲ **BRODSWORTH—Miners' Welfare Hall—** P[illegible] Armstrong, Doncaster, 147, outpointed Phil Duck[illegible] 147, over eight. The latter was decked in ro[illegible] hook to the head.

Kevin Durkin, Bradford, 148, easily outscored Billy Brice, Hartlepool, 150, over eight by 79½-77½.

Selvin Bell, Manchester, 127, outpointed Peter Gabbitus, Doncaster, 127½, over six by 59½-58½.

Ian Scotting, Doncaster, beat John Rafferty, the heavyweight contest being stopped in round six. Rafferty had been down six times.

Leo Mulhearn, Doncaster, 175, defeated Jerry Golden, Manchester, 172, the referee intervening in the eighth and final round after the latter had been down twice. Golden sustained an injured nose.
(06-10-81)

▲ **MANCHESTER—New Century Hall—** Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 155, didn't lose a round outscoring Carl Bailey, Manchester, 156, over eight by 80-76½.

This seemed a peculiar pairing. The 19-year-old Anderson is currently rated the number eight middleweight, and Bailey the

number 27 welterweight. The result was predictable.

Steve McLeod, Fort William, 146½, convincingly outscored substitute Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 147, by 79½-77 over eight.

Billy Ahearn, Manchester, 149½, narrowly outpointed Ronnie Rathbone, Maltby, 150½, by 78½-78, over eight. Rathbone protested the result, and Ahearne was cut over and under the left eye, with a swelling on the cheek.

Bobby Rimmer, Manchester, 144, beat Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 143, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter had been decked three times.

David Scere, Manchester, 161, kayoed Steve Coleman, Manchester, 158, in round one. When they met a month previously, Scere won in round two.

Mal Kirk, Manchester, 177, stopped Tony Hoole, Manchester, 177, the referee halting matters in round three as Hoole was on the way to the canvas.

A nice 20th birthday present for Carl Gaynor, Manchester, who outpointed Alan Burns, Bolton, over four by 40-38, winning every round.
(06-15-81)

RON OLVER

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

▲ **CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre**—Bruce McIntyre, the South African middleweight champion, came close to knocking out Freddie Brown before the American's corner threw in the towel in the ninth round.

Brown, who arrived in the city only 24 hours before the fight, put up a good performance considering that he was probably feeling the effects of jet lag after a tiring 30-hour flight from the States.

Mcintyre dropped Brown with a left to the head for a mandatory eight-count in the ninth round and the American was hanging on for dear life when his corner wisely threw in the towel.

Welile Nkosinkulu, the South African bantamweight champion, reversed a previous upset defeat at the hands of Sipho Mange when he stopped Mange in the sixth round.
(07-16-81)

NATAL

▲ **DURBAN—West Ridge Park**—Charlie Weir never even worked up a sweat before knocking out Henry Walker in the second round of a junior middleweight fight.

The American failed to land a single blow of any merit and went down in the second round from what appeared to be a light left hook to the head. He made no attempt to rise.

The fight was a bitter disappointment for the large crowd of 10,000 fans, and the Natal Boxing Board of Control suspended Brown's entire purse pending an enquiry.

Robbie Williams ended the boxing career of Kallie Knoetze when he stopped the ex-cop in the second round of their heavyweight encounter.

Williams had Knoetze ont he floor just before the bell ended the first round and was hitting him freely, as Knoetze lurched against the ropes in the second round, when referee Eric Moolman called a halt.

Knoetze announced his retirement from boxing after the fight—and, hoepfully, this time he will make it stick.

Gregory Clark outpointed Bennie Nortman over eight rounds, welterweights.
(07-21-81)

BERT BLEWETT

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese flyweight champion Kazumasa Tamaki, 111¾, a fast moving southpaw, came off the canvas three times and pounded out a close but unanimous decision over hard hitting Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, 112, in 10 see-saw rounds.

The fight was a thriller, though it had been castigated as a mismatch. Uchikoshi, 22, was only the JBC's eighth ranked flyweight. He was All-Japan *Shinjin-o* winner about three months before.

The 5'5" champ, 27 and an inch taller than his rugged challenger, cleverly outsped Uchikoshi to take the first two sessions. The challenger, however, caught up with the faster champ and sent him to the canvas in the third round with some smashing combinations. Tamaki, though, appeared unheard, and took the mandatory eight count.

The champ came back to take the fourth round, but was floored again in the fifth session. A beautiful right hand was responsible, and the scrappy challenger sent Tamaki down again in that frame with a barrage of lefts and rights to the face. The experienced champ fought back, however, throwing desperate combos, and he managed to last out the round.

Tamaki won the sixth and seventh rounds, as Uchikoshi was obviously tired. The eighth frame saw the champ swarm over his fading challenger, prompting referee Yusaku Yoshida to give Uchikoshi a standing eight count. The challenger, tried to reach Tamaki with his specialty, right hooks, in the last two frames, but the fleet footed champ kept out of harm's way.

Scoring: referee Yoshida and judge Takeaki Kanaya, both 95-93; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 95-94—all in the champ's favor. Tamaki is now 16-7-5 with four kayoes. Uchikoshi is 10-3-1 with five knockouts.

Katsumi Sato, 106, and Yoshiaki Kanda, 108, drew in a boring 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki and judge Takeaki Kanaya, both 97-97; judge Takeo Ugo, 98-96, Kanda. No knockdowns.

The evening's first 10-rounder saw southpaw Takashi Uezu, 122, and Hideharu Mitsui, 121¾, trade knockdowns before Mitsui kayoed the JBC's third ranked bantam in 1:20 of the ninth. This one was a humdinger, and the crowd was on its feet. Takeshi Shimakawa, referee.

Four-rounders: Tsuyoshi Yamada, 108, eked out a majority decision over Makoto Kano, 107¼. Masami Inatomi, 130, floored Yoshikuni Matsubara, 129½, with a good right cross in the first round and won a shutout (all cards 40-37) verdict. Shin Miura, 123¾, knocked Satoru Gushiken, 126, down in the first round with a wicked left hook and won via unanimous decision. Miura is now 4-1 with two kayoes. Gushiken is 2-2 with two knockouts. Makoto Fujishima, 111¼, won a split decision over Kimiaki Kamata, 108½. Masayuki Sakogashira, 130, outscored Toshinari Wachi, 129½, in the opener.

Uchino Promotions. Fuji TV.
Attendance—1,800.
(06-25-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Up-and-coming Katsuo Tokashiki, 110¼, won a close but unanimous decision over OPBF junior flyweight champion Yong-Hyun Kim, also 110¼, in 10 give-and-take non-title rounds. The 20-year-old Tokashiki is a stablemate of former WBA junior flyweight champ Yoko Gushiken. He doesn't have much power, however, and the 23-year-old Kim looked sluggish from the start.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 99-96; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-98; judge Shoji Nakamoto, 98-97—all for Tokashiki. This reporter had Kim ahead, 98-96, based on the OPBF champ's more effective punching.

Yoshimitsu Azato, 129¾, ran his record to 8-0-1 (seven kayoes) by knocking out Fusao Imai, 129, at 2:35 of the eighth session in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Ken Sogo, 130, kayoed less experienced Katsutoshi Takasaki, 129¼, with a left to the midsection in 1:46 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Takashi Sengoku, 129¼, outpointed Masasuke Sakamuki, 128¾. Yoshio Shishikura, 126, outscored Akihisa Yu, 123½. Satoshi Akase, 117, stopped Kazuto Morohara, 116, at 2:27 of the third. Ryuji Ikeda, 106½, outpointed Shingo Ishikura, 107. Yonemaro Osada, 114¾, outpointed Shin Hara, 114, in the opener.

Royal Kawakami Promotions. TBS TV.
Attendance—1,800.
(06-02-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Three six-rounders headlined.

Masaharu Owada, 130¼, and Hiroshi Osumi, 131½, drew. Katsumi Sato, 107, outscored Noritetsu Kato, 107¾, Takashi Nakayama, 110, knocked out Kiyomi Sato, 110¼, Katsumi's twin brother, in 2:13 of the fourth.

Four-rounders: Shigeru Kawasaka, 144½, outscored Toshiyuki Ikeda, 146½. Chuji Handa, 121½, and Keiichi Yokota, 122¾, drew. Masakatsu Sakuma, 111, and Ryufuku Ko, also 111, drew. Ikuo Watanabe, 106¾, outscored Yoshito Sueki, 107½. Masanori Naka, 107, kayoed Senkei Unten, 106¼, in 1:51 of the first round. Mikaku Koo, 111½, outpointed Masanori Inaba, 111. Masaki Tomutome, 111½, outpointed Kiyoshi Kaizuka, 110¾. Hayao Nakahara, 135, stopped Hideya Adachi, 134½, at 1:03 of the fourth round in the curtain raiser.

Kadoebi Promotions. No telecast.

JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF JULY 15, 1981)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Caesar Sasaki
2. Kenji Shibata
3. Gensui Murakami
4. Keitoku Chirima
5. James Callaghan

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michihiro Horihata
1. Katsuhiro Sawada
2. Yohi Arai
3. Masahide Kitamura
4. Kazuhiko Yasuda
5. Mamoru Taira
6. Kazumi Nakao

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Mitsuo Kushikino
3. Ikuya Toshinai

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eiichi Fukumoto
1. Minoru Sugiya
2. Noboru Hatakeyama
3. Kazunori Shiratori
4. Kirk Fujimoto
5. Tatsuya Moriyasu
6. Tadashi Sugiya
7. Hidekazu Akai
8. Nobutaka Kuwata
9. Fire Kaneda
10. Ryutaro Otsuki

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Battle Hawk Kazama
1. Hayao Shiba
2. Jyoken Narita
3. Tadao Ishido
4. Katsuhiro Okubo
5. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki
6. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
7. Norio Maruuchi
8. Keizo Kurebayashi
9. Takashi Sugimoto
10. Yutaka Itoi

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hikaru Tomonari
1. Yoshimitsu Azato
2. Ryu Fukida
3. Go Hamada
4. Masa Ito
5. Katsuji Sano
6. Freddie Mensah
7. Yoshitaka Ikehara
8. Blazer Okubo
9. Ken Sogo
10. Taijiro Niyama

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hikaru Tomonari
1. Koichi Matsushima
2. Tomio Nakamura
3. Johnny Fujimoto
4. Fusao Imai
5. Gen Tosa
6. Yasuhide Takahashi
7. Kosei Kawaguchi
8. Kuniyoshi Kuwabara
9. Tomoharu Yamamoto
10. Hirokazu Fukui

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Bunji Ando
2. Yu Kasahara
3. Toshiyuki Tanaka
4. Kenichi Ito
5. Sanji Ito
6. Dragon Hayakawa
7. Naoki Kobayashi
8. Yoshiharu Watanabe
9. Keiji Kawamura
10. Condor Yamamoto

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurricane Teru
1. Hitoshi Ishigaki
2. Yuji Oka
3. Edeharu Mitsui
4. Tsuguyuki Toma
5. Hideyuki Kawai
6. Katsuyuki Ohashi
7. Masaru Yamamot
8. Takashi Uezu
9. Ryu Takeshi
10. Masayuki Kirisaki

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jackal Maruyama
1. Satoru Koguchi
2. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
3. Tsutomu Itokazu
4. Hitoshi Ohashi
5. Kazumi Sato
6. Kiyoshi Oyama
7. Osamu Kazuo
8. Yasuo Azato
9. Takenao Nakajima
10. Kazuhiko Kawahira

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazumasa Tamaki
1. Shigeo Nakajima
2. Koichi Maki
3. Koji Kobayashi
4. Toshihiro Okumoto
5. Yoshiyuki Uchigoshi
6. Masaru Fuji
7. Shinji Takagi
8. Mitsuo Imasato
9. Ken Kasugai
10. Shinji Suga

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Masaharu Inami
1. Tadashi Tomori
2. Hiroyuki Tada
3. Phoenix Taniguchi
4. Puma Koya
5. Kazuyoshi Funaki
6. Yoshiaki Kanda
7. Yoshiaki Nojima
8. Keisuke Yuguchi
9. Rikuo Watanabe
10. Road Mitsuru

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Tadashi Mihara (junior lightweight), Royal Kobayashi (featherweight), Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Yasutsune Uehara (#3 WBA junior lightweight; #10 WBC), Tenyu Maruki (#10 WBA featherweight), Hiroshi Gonohe (#7 WBA junior featherweight), Syuchi Isogami (#6 WBC bantamweight), Jiro Watanabe (#10 WBC junior bantamweight), Shoji Oguma (#5 WBC junior bantamweight), Nobuyuki Watanabe (#7 WBA flyweight), Koki Ishii (#5 WBA flyweight), Masaharu Inami (#9 WBC junior flyweight), Katsuo Tokashiki (#3 WBA junior flyweight), Yoko Gushiken (#4 WBA junior flyweight; WBC #2).

Attendance—2,000.
(06-05-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This card commemorated the 35th anniversary of the Sasazaki Boxing Club. The Club has produced world flyweight and bantamweight champion Fighting Harada, four Oriental champs, 10 Japanese titlists, and 26 *Shinjin*-o winners. The Club owner, Takeshi Sasazaki, was himself a national champ. His sharp straight blows made him known as "Spear-like Sasazaki." He opened his club in 1946, in the midst of the miserable economic conditions that followed the end of World War II in Japan.

Sasazaki, 66, was honored in the center of the ring by all his champions.

Katsuji Sano, 130, Sasazaki's newest pupil, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Keizo Kurebayashi, also 130, in the 10-round main event. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-93; judge Takeo Ugo, 100-94; judge Ken Morita, 99-95. Sano is now 19-8-4 with four kayoes. Kurebayashi, 21 (a year his junior), is 14-6-4 with five knockouts.

Prior to the main event, OPBF bantamweight champ Eijiro Murata, a pupil of former Oriental featherweight king Shigeji Kaneko piloted by Sasazaki, engaged in a two-round sparring session with Satoshi Okuma. Murata looked very sharp.

Kazuo Osamu, 117½, knocked out 36-year-old Masao Ohara, 118, in 0:51 of the fifth session in a scheduled six-rounder. Osamu, 19, is now 9-0-1 with four kayoes. Ohara, half bald, is 7-5-1 with one knockout.

Hideaki Kawai, 122, won a unanimous decision over Kenzo Takasugi, also 122, eight. All the cards read 80-76. Kawai is now 10-2-2 with six kayoes. Takasugi is 15-17-5 with five knockouts.

Yutaka Itoi, 135, put Yoshihide Sawano, 134¼, on the deck five times and knocked him out in 1:00 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight. Yutaka is now 7-3-3 with seven knockouts. Sawano is 6-5-1 with one kayo.

Four-rounders: Kazumasa Kohashigawa, 108, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over Hisashi Nakatomi, 106, also making his pro debut. Junichi Hashimoto, 112, stopped Muneo Taira, 111¼, at 1:05 of the second. Kenzo Ishibashi 122, halted Shigeyuki Mita, also 122, at 1:30 of the first round. Takaharu Nishimura, 108, stopped Hideaki Sato, 116, at 0:58 of the second in the opener.

Sasazaki Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—1,800.
(06-07-81)

▲ **NAGOYA—Fukiage Hall**—Local favorite Masao Ogata, 126, kayoed veteran Shogo Tabata, 124¼, with a wicked left hook to the side in 0:56 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Tabata doubled up and crumbled in agony. The ref could have counted to 100.

Ogata is now 10-2 with five kayoes. Tabata is 12-15-4 with two knockouts.

Toshihiro Okumoto, 110, halted 34-year-old Ryuji Ichinomiya, 109, at 2:53 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Okumoto, who was expected to stop Ichinomiya much more quickly, is now 9-6 with five knockouts. Ichinomiya is 6-6 with three kayoes.

Four-rounders: Hiromi Nakahara, 134½, made his pro debut by losing a majority decision to Kyoichi Suzuki, 133¼. Ikuyoshi Sugimura, 107½, kayoed Katsuhiko Kiyohara, also 107½, in 1:56 of the first. Both were making their pro debuts. Ryuji Tanimura, 111, won unanimous decision over Noritoshi Mizuno, also 111. Kiyoshi Nonaka, 129¾, halted Fumio Nada, 128¼, at 2:15 of the third round in the opener.

Co-promoted by the Tokoname and Matsuda Boxing Clubs. No telecast.
Attendance—1,300.
(06-07-81)

▲ **SURUGA—City Gymnasium**—Three eight-rounders headlined.

Sinshai Inoue, 134, outscored Takeshi Fukui, 134¾. Hiroaki Kato, 118¾, outpointed Kazuhiro Satoyama, 119¼. Takashi Sugimura, 130, outscored Shinji Nimuara, 128.

Four-rounders: Hideji Kawamura, 133¾, halted Kiyotaka Ono, also 133¾, at 1:14 of the third round. Kenji Azuma, 114¾, and Nobuo Higuchi, 113¼, drew. Masahiko Yamamoto, 116½, stopped Kazuaki Hisatome, 117¼, in 2:55 of the first. Tasayoshi Hotta, 139¼, outscored Shuichiro Kawamura, 139. Masayuki Inoue, 121½, outpointed Takahiro Kishioka, 121, in the curtain raiser.

Hokuriku Ishimaru Promotions. No telecast.
(06-06-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Koki Ishii, 113, overwhelmed former national champ Koichi Maki, also 113, stretching his record to 8-0 (four kayoes) with a unanimous decision, 10.

Ishii, a former Asian Amateur Games Gold Medalists, is a definite world title threat. Maki drops to 21-13-4 with five knockouts. Scoring was as follows: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 100-03; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 100-95; judge Shoji Nakamori, 99-94.

Kosei Kawaguchi, 126, won a unanimous decision over oft beaten Joe Hayato, 124¾, in the dullest 10-round contest of the month.

Four-rounders: Kazuhiro Matsuda, 117½, floored Taneo Kodama, 118, twice and stopped him at 1:30 of the fourth and final round. Hirotaka Ishida, 115¾, made his pro debut by stopping Ryuichi Kimura, 117½, at 2:39 of the third stanza. Ishida survived a first round visit to the canvas. Yoshiyuki Uchida, 114, floored Hiroshi Kizato, 113¾, twice for an automatic knockout in 1:39 of the first round. (A "two knockdown" rule is in effect in four-round contests in Japan.) Southpaw Shige Ikeda, 110¼, won a close unanimous decision over Akihiko Watanabe, 111. Masanori Hamaya, 106¾, won a majority decision over Yoshi Ikeda, 105¾, in the opener. The official cards were 40-39, 40-37, and 39-39.

S. B. Nitto Promotions. TV Asahi.
Attendance—1,800.
(06-09-81)

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Spider Nemoto, 125½, Japan's 5'1" national featherweight champ, retained his crown by stopping Tomio Nakamura, also 125½, but almost seven inches taller, at 2:34 of round six in a scheduled 10. Nemoto, who brought down Nakamura by attacking his breadbasket, is now 38-8-2 with 11 knockouts. Nakamura is 17-12 with seven kayoes. Nobumitsu Inukai, referee.

Hidekazu Akai, 146¾, ran his record to 6-0 (all kayoes) by stopping Noboru Kogita, 145½, at 1:17 of the fourth canto in a scheduled eight-rounder. Kogita is now 7-5 with six knockouts.

Eijiro Kuruma, 126, knocked out Kaoru Yoshioka, 125½, with a right hook to the face in 1:49 of round three in their scheduled eight.

Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 116, eked out a split decision over Kazuo Katsuma, 117½, six. The scores were 58-57, 59-58, and 57-59.

Four-rounders: Southpaw Yoichi Ota, 119, came off the canvas to win a unanimous decision over Masami Higashiyama, 119¼. Tamasaburo Yamada, 107, halted Hiroo Tsuchiya, 107, at 2:07 of the second in the opener.

West Japan Boxing Association. No telecast.
Attendance—4,900.
(06-09-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Shuichi Isogami, 115, the WBA's sixth ranked bantamweight contender, had his scheduled 10-round bout with southpaw Tsutomu Itokazu, 117, declared a technical draw at 1:50 of the fourth round. The bout had been regarded as a mismatch.

Isogami went right after Itomazu in the first round, but was floored by a right hook in canto two. The third session saw the underdog floor Isogami once again with the same shot, but an accidental butt in round four left Isogami with a gash on the right side of his head and Itokazu with one in his right eyebrow. A tech draw was the result.

Scoring after three: referee Ken Morita, judges Takeo Ugo and Yusaku Yishida, all 30-26 for Itokazu. Isogami was lucky, being saved by an "accidental" butt.

Isogami is now 24-3-4 with 18 kayoes. Itokazu, short and slow, is now 3-2-1 with two knockouts. Small wonder the fight had been called a mismatch.

Light hitting Yasuo Azato, 114¾, kayoed Mikio Kamata, also 114¾, in 2:27 of the first round.

Hiroyuki Yamashita, 120, outscored Isao Takashima, also 120, six. Takashima is a stablemate of Isogami.

Four-rounders: Takeshi Mitsuru, 124, outpointed Masayoshi Kashiwakura, 123. Shizuo Iwamoto, 118, stopped Keno Funabashi, also 118, at 1:59 of the third round. Kenji Ono, 107, and Kazuo Hatakeyama, 107¼, drew. Hiroyasu Kato, 112, outpointed Yukinori Onishi, also 112. Kazuyoshi Hirai, 114¾, halted Mitsuo Tokumaru, also 114¾, at 1:46 of the third round in the curtain raiser.

Shinto Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—1,600.
(06-20-81)

▲ **IZUMI CITY—Cultural Hall**—Tough but light punching Yohi Arai, 154, the JBC's third ranked welter, knocked out shorter Mamoru Taira, 152½, in 1:46 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Taira went down for the full count from a so-so right hand to the temple.

Arai, 28, is now 21-17-2 with nine kayoes. Taira, 33, is 10-12-1 with five knockouts. He's been kayoed eight times, and should hang them up for good.

Yoshitaka Hinenoya, 140, demolished Takashi Otsuka, 131½, in 1:20 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Since their weight difference was more than eight pounds, Hinenoya was obliged to wear 10-ounce gloves instead of eight. No matter.

Former world junior lightweight champion Yoshiaki Numata boxed a three-round exhibition with ex-national lightweight boss Hidemori Tsujimoto. Numata is now a TV commentator. Tsujimoto is a trainer. Both probably remembered their old (faster) days.

Four-rounders: Takunari Rokusha, 121½, kayoed Wolf Yoshizaki, 125½, in 2:38 of the first stanza. Ryoji Fukumoto, 121½, stopped Kiyoto Miyata, also 121½, at 2:38 of the second. Suejiro Kuramura, 129¾, and Shinii Shinagawa, 128¼, majority draw (double 38-38 and 39-37, Shinagawa). Hideo Tsukamoto, 111¾, won a shutout unanimous decision (all 40-36) over Yoichi Yuta, 110½. Yoshihide Yoshimura, 127, won a majority decision over Yomikazu Kinjo, 127¾, in the opener.

Oboshi Boxing Club. No telecast.
Attendance—1,800.
(06-21-81)

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Southpaw Jiro Watanabe, 115, halted Berlin Olivetti, 116¼, Philippines, at 2:22 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Olivetti, a fre-

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Wally Carr (Australia)
2. Byung-Rae Yuh (Korea)
3. Richie Roberts (Australia)
4. Joe Willisco (Philippines)
5. Suwarno (Indonesia)
6. Peter Piamonte (Philippines)
7. Caesar Sasaki (Japan)
8. Mana Prenchai (Thailand)
9. Soo-Hang Lee (Korea)
10. Kenji Shibata (Japan)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
1. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
2. Aquiliano Nicolas, Jr. (Philippines)
3. Michihiro Horihata (Japan)
4. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
5. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
7. Masahide Kitamura (Japan)
8. Ramon Dionisio (Philippines)
9. Syuh Sok (Korea)
10. Armando Boniquit (Philippines)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chung-Jae Hwang (Korea)
1. Akio Kameda (Japan)
2. Mike de Guzman (Philippines)
3. Satanfa S. Pratip (Thailand)
4. Joon-Sok Hwang (Korea)
5. Frank Ropis (Australia)
6. Fred Paster (Philippines)
7. Dynamite Matsuo (Japan)
8. Danilo Limpahan (Philippines)
9. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)
10. Kwang-Yul Oh (Korea)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Willie Makitoki (Philippines)
2. Sang-Hyun Baek (Korea)
3. Kongrug Vocharernrat (Thailand)
4. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
5. Mohamad Sotikin (Indonesia)
6. Minoru Sukiya (Japan)
7. Petchayarn Petcharern (Thailand)
8. Noburo Hatakeyama (Japan)
9. Kyung-Hwan Chae (Korea)
10. Graham Bell (Australia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Kwang-Min Kim (Korea)
1. Jenrub Muangsurin (Thailand)
2. Deuk-Koo Kim (Korea)
3. Barry Michael (Australia)
4. Nardito Adrayan (Philippines)
5. Battle Hawk Kazama (Japan)
6. Somdej Sakdiphipus (Thailand)
7. Young-Ho Oh (Korea)
8. Lito Pena (Korea)
9. Heung-Sok Yuh (Korea)
10. Max (Boy) Toyogon (Philippines)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Sae Oh (Korea)
1. Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
2. Francis Camatagan (Philippines)
3. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
4. Dorn Sornsakdisith (Thailand)
5. Kyung-Soo Hong (Korea)
6. Yoshimitsu Azato (Japan)
7. Ryu Fukida (Japan)
8. Phadedsuk Pisnurachun (Thailand)
9. Chong-Pyo Kim (Korea)
10. Eddie Cejas (Philippines)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (Japan)
1. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
2. Kid Hassan (Indonesia)
3. Spider Nemoto (Japan)
4. Ahn Hyun (Korea)
5. Nugprachun Kiatkumchai (Thailand)
6. Lulu Villaverde (Philippines)
7. Dae-Hwan Lee (Korea)
8. Arcadez Singjomthong (Thailand)
9. Koichi Matsushima (Japan)
10. Caesar Ligan (Philippines)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Lucas (Philippines)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
2. Dejvarin Hollywood (Thailand)
3. Rey Naduma, Jr. (Philippines)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
6. Bunji Ando (Japan)
7. Divino Inocian (Philippines)
8. Yu Kasahara (Japan)
9. Manny Sacay (Philippines)
10. Jae-Wook Kim (Korea)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (Japan)
1. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
2. Kang-San Lee (Korea)
3. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
4. Hitoshi Ishikaki (Japan)
5. Sakda Saksuree (Thailand)
6. Chul-Soon Hwang (Korea)
7. Danilo Inocian (Philippines)
8. Charnok U. Yuthanakarn (Thailand)
9. Leo Kaki (Philippines)
10. Billy Abato (Philippines)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
William Develos (Philippines)
1. Phaktai Lipovitan D. (Thailand)
2. Moon-Kyun Joo (Korea)
3. Ric Diamale (Philippines)
4. Pablo Pepito (Philippines)
5. Jackal Maruyama (Japan)
6. Satoru Koguchi (Japan)
7. Yung-Shik Kim (Korea)
8. Hiroyuki Kobayashi (Japan)
9. Si-Ho Yuh (Korea)
10. Suban Muangsurin (Thailand)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (Korea)
1. Kap-Chul Shin (Korea)
2. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
3. Kazumasa Tamaki (Japan)
4. Dan Pisalchai (Thailand)
5. Steve Bell (Australia)
6. In-Wan Hwang (Korea)
7. Puichitsuk Korusayarm (Thailand)
8. Shigeo Nakajima (Japan)
9. Koichi Maki (Japan)
10. Little Baguio (Philippines)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Siony Carupo (Philippines)
2. Soon-Yun Mah (Korea)
3. Junior Thompson (Australia)
4. Srithuncha Sithsanae (Thailand)
5. Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
6. Tadashi Tomori (Japan)
7. Ratanachai Punvit (Thailand)
8. Lord Esmero (Philippines)
9. Hiroyuki Tada (Japan)
10. Manhaseh Base (Philippines)

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quent loser in Korea, was the victim of a mismatch.

Veteran lefty Freddie Mason, knocked out Tokuo Maruuchi, 132¼, with a left hook in 3:04 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Mason, a Kenyan living in Osaka, is now 12-11 with eight kayoes. Maruuchi is 10-3 with nine knockouts.

Yung-Sil Kim, 154, Korea, halted Shigeo Haku, 153, at 2:14 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Haku was down twice.

Four-rounders: Motonobu Hayashi, 117¾, made his pro debut by winning a shutout (all 40-36) verdict over Seiichi Hijiri, 117¾. Hijiri is now 1-7-1. Tetsuya Ozaki, 152½, eked out a split decision over Keiichi Nakatani, 150½. Nakatani hit the deck in the third session, but came back to drop Ozaki in the same round. Hisatomo Kitazaki, 146, floored Nobuyuki Yanagi, 144¾, for a compulsory eight count and stopped him at 2:10 of the third stanza in the opener.

Osaka Teiken Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—3,500.

(06-29-81)

▲ **KUMAMOTO CITY—Suizenji Gymnasium**—Southpaw Katsuhiro Sawada, 152, Kumamoto City, scored a stunning upset when he TKO'd previously unbeaten Kazuhiko Yasuda, 152½, this year's *Shinjin-o* winner, at 2:11 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Sawada, who once had a crack at Akio Kameda's national title, might have just had too much experience for Yasuda.

Koki Higashi, 126, outpointed Takeshi Go, 125¾, six.

Hiroshi Izumiya, 158¾, and Joki Sasagawa, also 158¾, drew, six.

Four-rounders Moriyuki Akaboshi, 111¼, stopped Isamu Nakabayasi, 111½, at 1:25 of the second. Shuji Kubo, 117½, halted Seiji Maruyama, 118½, at 1:22 of the fourth and final session. Minoru Nagata, 128¼, and Masa Takene, 129, drew. Masaji Fujiwara, 140, outscored Tadamasa Akiyama, 139¾, in the curtain raiser.

Kumamoto Boxing Club. No telecast.

Attendance—3,000.

(05-29-81)

▲ **NOTES**—Former WBC junior flyweight champ Shigeo Nakajima has decided to hand up his gloves. He suffered a surprising knockout at the hands of mediocre Nobuyuki Watanabe at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo on May 26.

The official announcement has not yet been made, but Nakajima's mind is firmly made up. He won the WBC crown with a 15-round decision over Sung-Jin Kim, Korea, at Korakuen Hall on January 3, 1980. His pro record was 13-5-1 with seven kayoes, and his amateur log was 80-15 with 48 stoppages. Nakajima, only 27, has begun a career as a businessman.

Japanese middleweight champ James Callaghan has officially relinquished his title because of an abdominal disease.

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KOREA

▲ **TAEGU—Indoor Gymnasium**—Korea's best prospect, hard hitting junior lightweight Chung-Il Choi, 133¾, came back from a knockdown in the second to stop Joken Narita, 134, Japan's top contender, at 0:58 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Choi is now 12-0 with 11 knockouts. Narita is 12-13-1 with one knockout.

Heung-Sok Lee, 137¾, Korea's top lightweight contender, floored former Japanese junior welterweight champion Noboru Hatakeyama, 137¼, three times in the second stanza for a knockout at 1:40 of the round. It was scheduled for 10.

Kyung-Soo Hong, 129¼, won the vacant Korean junior lightweight title by decisioning Chong-Kil Chung, 128½, 10.

Chang-Yung Park, 116¾, the Korean Commission's fifth ranked junior bantam, outscored Bong-Hoe Lee, 117½, eight.

Byung-Sok Park, 131¼, halted Dong-Hi Joo, 131¼, at 1:50 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Chul Kwon, 120, outpointed Jong-Yul Jong, 120¼, four.

Dong-Chun Lee, 116¼, decisioned Shin-Hyun Cho, 117¾, in the four-round opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(06-03-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sok-Chul Bae, 114½, won a close majority decision over Rafael Pedroza, 114, Panama, in a 12-round semi-final elimination contest for the WBA's junior bantamweight crown.

It was a dull fight. Neither man willing to take chances, and the bout developed into a war of negatives—Pedroza retreating and Bae keeping behind a peek-a-boo defense. Bae was a little more aggressive, and scored with his left hook. Pedroza relied on a few sharp jabs, which weren't enough to win him the decision.

Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 115-115; judges Joe Bunsa and Lou Tabat, both 115-114, Bae. The Korean will now meet Gustavo Ballas of Argentina for the WBA title. Ballas stopped Japan's Jackal Maruyama in 11 onesided rounds in Buenos Aires on May 7 in the other semi-final.

Hwan-Kil Yuh, 127¾, the KBC's third ranked featherweight, knocked out Koichi Matsushima, 128, Japan, in 3:06 of the seventh scheduled 10-round bout.

In-Wan Han, 133¾, Korea's number one flyweight contender, halted Nam-Keun Kang, 112, at 2:06 of the 10th and final round.

Jung-Hwan Kim, 109¾, outscored Ki-Yung Lee, also 109¾, six.

Four-rounders: Yung-Hyun Han, 109¼, outpointed Gi-Shik Yang, also 109¼. Suk Koh, 121¼, halted Yung-Sen Kwon, also 121¼, at 2:03 of the second. Tae-Jin Kim, 123¼, kayoed Yi-Yung Park, 122¼, at 1:32 of the third round in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(06-07-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having recently been discharged from the military, Chong-Kil Chung, 133½, formerly ranked fifth in the junior lightweight division by the WBC, returned to ring warfare and knocked out Japanese Kaneatsu Yamamoto, also 133½, in 2:33 of round two in a scheduled 10-frame affair. Yamamoto was the JBC's seventh ranked lightweight.

Pil-Koo Lee, 139¾, outpointed former Korean junior welterweight champion Chong-Ho Kim, 141, in the 10-round semi-final.

Hyun-Shik Lee, 114¾, halted Yong-Sup Yang, 115¼, at 2:38 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Bung-Dal Yho, 127½, outpointed Su-Ho Yang, 125¼. Sang-Tai Hong, 127¾, outscored Myung-Sup Shin, 127. Kwang-Soo Chung, 129, outpointed Kyu-Bak Lee, 130¾. Sung-Kyu Cho, 114½, outpointed Pu-Young Park, 115¼. Kwang-Soo Uh, 109¾, and Sung-Nam Kwon, also 109¾, drew. Young-Hwan Kim, 114¼, won a unanimous decision over Kwang-Chung Lee, 114, in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(06-14-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Up-and-coming Sang-Ho Lee, 142¾, ranked second by the KBC, easily knocked out Filipino import Mar Simbajon, 142, in 1:23 of the second in a scheduled 10.

Overweight fly Kwang-Sok Lee, 118½, was decisioned by Tai-Sang Chun, 119, in the 10-round semi-final.

Ryong-Hyun Oh, 118¾, outscored Jae-Wan Lee, 119, eight.

Chan-Jung Chun, 124¼, outpointed Kwan-Won Lee, also 124¼, eight.

Young-Dae Kim, 131½, kayoed Ki-Ho Moon, 132¼, in 0:26 of the second in their scheduled six.

IK-Kyum Kim, 114½, and Chan-Soo Chung, also 114½, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Ho-Chul Poun, 109¾, outpointed Joung-Ryong Song, 110. Sam-Ju Sun, 114, and Un-Ryong Kim, 114¾, drew.

Tae-Ho Kim, 119, and En-Nam Kim, also 119, drew in the card opener.

Wonjin Promotions.

(05-31-81)

▲ **TAECHUN CITY—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Il-Bok Lee, 133, returned from his campaigns in Central America and defeated Mexican import Franco Aumata, 132¾, via unanimous decision after 10. Lee had entered the WBC's top 10 by whipping then OPBF champ Ryu Fukida last year, but recently dropped out due to a loss to Leonel Hernandez of Venezuela.

The semi-final 10 saw Chung-Koo Chang, 109¾, Korea's top junior flyweight contender, outscore Oscar Boliva, 111, Colombia.

In the evening's first 10-rounder, Sang-Jun Cha, 131¾, kayoed Ruben Veliz, 131¼, Venezuela, in the second.

Four-rounders: Yu-Chul Chai, 123½, outpointed Hyun-Sun Shin, 123. Ki-Moon Kwon, 124¾, outscored Hyun-Sou Kang, 125. Du-Bok Cha, 118¾, outpointed Sun-Ei Chung, 118¼. Ryang-Il Shin, 118, and Ju-Do Kim, 118¾, drew in the curtain raiser.

Kukdong Promotions.

(06-07-81)

▲ **INCHON CITY—Indoor Gymnasium**—Korean national flyweight champion Kap-Chul Shin, 111½, successfully defended his crown for the third time, outpointing Jae-Hun Him, 110¾, 10.

Sang-Yul An, 121¼, pummeled In-Sup Bang, also 121¼, into submission at the end of eight rounds in a supporting 10. It goes down as a TKO according to the KBC.

In-Bong Bang, 138¼, and Joung-Kwon Kan, 136¾, drew, six.

Sung-Kyu Kim, 134½, outpointed Jong-Up Kim, 133½, six.

Song-Hwa Jin, 124¾, outscored Myung-Sup Chai, 125¾, six.

Kun-Sou Park, 121¼, outscored You-Man Kim, 120, in the opener.

Dongnyan Promotions.

(06-11-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—OPBF junior lightweight champion Young-Sae Oh, 130, retained his crown by stopping southpaw Yoshitaka Ikehara, also 130, at 1:27 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12-round bout.

Oh, a classy ring technician, is still undefeated.

Jong-Han Hwang, 129, outpointed Yung-Pil Lee, 131, eight.

Pung-Hyung Kim, 136¼, outscored Je-Hung Kim, 136, six.

Four-rounders: Do-Jun Shin, 114¾, outpointed Se-Wan Jin, 114¼. Shi-Yul Lee, 118¾, outscored Sang-Yung Kim, 116¾. Ju-Ho Kim, 128¾, halted Yung-Nam Lee, also 128¾, at 0:49 of the fourth round. Kap-Ki Chung, 108½, outpointed Jung-Yul Suh, also 108½, in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(06-20-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park, 159½, retained his title for the ninth time, knocking out Japanese southpaw Kenji Shibata, 159¼, in 1:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12-round title bout.

Park is now 20-1-1 with 19 knockouts. Shibata is 27-8-4 with 16 kayoes.

Bryung-Rae Yuh, 158¾, retained his Korean middleweight crown by stopping Soo-Hwang Lee, also 158¾, at 1:05 of the ninth round in the 10-round semi-final.

Chang-Duk Han, 126, knocked out Sang-Bong Lee, 125¼, in 2:35 of the seventh in the first 10-rounder of the evening.

Bok-Tong Chang, 141¾, halted Chung-Sil Lee, 142, at 2:51 of round six in a scheduled eight.

Six-rounders: Soo-Min Lee, 132, outpointed Min-Soo Lee, 132¼. Min-Ung Kim, 109¾, knocked out An-Soo Chang, also 109¾, in 1:15 of the fifth round. Sung-In Suh, 122¾, outscored Ryong Yun, 121¼.

Four-rounders: Chi-Kwan Sung, 163, outpointed Bum-Ryung Lee, also 163. Ki-Hu Shin, 114¼, and Yung-Hwan Kim, 114½, drew. Bi-Ho Chang, 138, dropped a decision to Myung-Joo Sung, 137¾, in the opener.

Dong-a-Promotions.

(06-21-81)

▲ **TAECHUN CITY—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Sang-Hyun Kim, 147¾, who will probably vacate his OPBF junior welter title because of weight making difficulties, stopped scrappy Canes Ibarra, also 147¾, Mexico, at 0:49 of the fifth session in the scheduled 10-round main event. The 19-year-old Ibarra looked sharp at the start, but Kim outpunched him as the bout progressed.

In-Chul Baek, 154¼, Korea's top junior middleweight contender, kayoed Conrado Salinas, also 154¼, Mexico, in 3:30 of the second in their scheduled 10.

Ki-Yong Chung, 123¼, demolished Naoki Kobayashi, 123, the JBC's sixth ranked junior feather, in 2:01 of the eighth round in the evening's first 10-rounder. Chung doubled up the Japanese with body punches.

Four-rounders: Jei-Shik Lee, 109¾, outpointed Jung-Oh Kim, 110. Kun-Suk Kim, 132¼, outscored Jung-Tae Hou, 132.

Kudok Promotions.

(06-23-81)

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PHILIPPINES

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Filipino junior flyweight champion Siony Carupo, 108, retained his title with a split decision over Juanito Ablaca, 106½, 12. The bout was close, but Carupo's performance earned him the Filipino Games and Amusements Board's "Boxer of the Month" designation.

Willie Makitoki, 139¾, the GAB's second ranked junior welter, won a split decision over Joe Lim, 141, 10.

Flash Villamer, 134, won a majority decision over Jun Escalera, also 134, 10.

Former Filipino featherweight champion Dommy Marolena, 127¼, halted Pedro Lipata, 131, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Flash Romeo, 140, TKO'd Romulo Oguimas, also 140, in the fifth round of the first 10-rounder of the evening.

Lorenzo Sy, promoter.

(05-31-81)

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—OPBF junior featherweight champ Willie Lucas, 123½, TKO'd Thai veteran Sakda Saksuree, 124, in the eighth frame of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Filipino welterweight king Mike de Guzman, 144½, pounded out a unanimous decision over perennial contender Danilo Limpahan, 145, to retain his title, 12.

Paciencia Hitosis, promoter.

(05-15-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—An amazing upset took place, as veteran Nilo Acido, 135½, knocked out national lightweight champ Nardito Adrayan, also 135½, in the 10th and final round of a non-title bout.

Dede Suaybaguio, 116, TKO'd former national bantamweight champion Ronald Sumalis, 119, in the sixth frame of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Eduardo Pamani, promoter.

(05-30-81)

▲ **MANILA— L & M Gymnasium**—Rito Donayre, 112½, beat Yuri Santos, 113, the GAB's fourth ranked flyweight, to a pulp and TKO'd him in, the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round bout. This was also a big upset.

Ramon Lainez, promoter.

(05-24-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Jimmy Boy, 115, TKO'd Mar Timbal, also 115, in the second session of a scheduled 10-rounder.

(05-24-81)

▲ **MANILA—Marikina Gymnasium**—Rolando Rosuento, 116½, won a unanimous decision over Erufronio Payod, 115, 10.

Tale Maguan, 116, won unanimous decision over Cesar Navarosa, also 116, 10.

Isabel Revelo, promoter.

(05-23-81)

▲ **BULCAN—Marilao Gymnasium**—Deo Rabago, 129, and Erning Grafte, 130, drew, 10. Rabago is the GAB's sixth ranked junior lightweight, but the bout was scored a draw on all three cards.

Galorde Enterprises, promoter.

(05-23-81)

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Andy Balaba, 111, TKO'd Boy Samson, also 111, in the seventh session of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Gene Reyno, promoter.

(05-23-81)

▲ **CALOOCAN CITY**—Johnny Tam, 143, Philippines, halted Romy Angles, also 143, in the sixth frame of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Felizardo Mendoza, promoter.

(05-23-81)

▲ **MIDTOWN RAMADA—Lulu Villaverde**—Lulu Villaberde, 123½, won the Filipino featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Cesar Ligan, 126, after 12 rounds of action.

Pablo Pepito, 114, the GAB's top ranked junior bantam, won a unanimous decision over former champion Little Aguilar, also 114, 10.

Nardo Calugay, 112, won a majority verdict over Rocky Pineda, 111, in the program's first 10-rounder.

Ramon Lainez, promoter.

(05-22-81)

▲ **MINDORO—San Jose Gymnasium**—Chito Adigue, 125, TKO'd Joe Francisco, also 125, in the sixth frame of a scheduled 10. Another upset.

Grego Garcia, promoter.

(05-16-81)

▲ **RIZAL—Antipolo Gymanasium**—Former national champ Max (Boy) Toyogon, 136, dropped a majority duke to Eddie Cejas, 134, 10.

Grego Garcia promoted this one the same day as the Mindoro card.

(05-16-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Jun Resma, 117½, TKO'd Henry Pepito, 120, in the eighth frame of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Efren Guinieta, 126½, scored an upset TKO over Juna Diamale, 129, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Reynaldo Gazmen, Jr., promoter.

(05-15-81)

▲ **MINDORO—San Jose Gymnasium**—Filipino junior welter champ Eduardo Heneral, 138, retained his crown with a majority draw with Young de la Cruz, 137, 12.

Leo Casino, 136, won a unanimous decision over Romulo Guimas, 139, 10.

Raciencia Hitosis, promoter.

(05-10-81)

▲ **BUTAN CITY**—Hard hitting Dede Suaybaguio, 119¼, TKO'd Rudy Canasa, 120, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Suaybaguio looked good.
Carlito Balacuit, promoter.
(05-02-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Filipino national flyweight champion Frank Cedeno, 115, won a unanimous decision over Thai national fly champ Dan Pisalchai, 114, 10.
Flash Villamer, 135¾, won a unanimous nod over Ric Dolotallas, 136, 10.
Bernardito Florido, promoter.
(05-02-81)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Nardito Adrayan, 135, TKO'd Pete Alferez, also 135, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round go. Both made the lightweight limit, but Nardito's national crown was not at stake because the bout was only scheduled for 10 rounds. Filipino national title tilts are scheduled for 12.
(05-02-81)

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THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Vichit Muangroi-et, the WBA's top junior featherweight contender, has been castigated because of his reluctance to fight abroad—and because he selects easy opponents. Muangroi-et, however, chalked up an important victory by winning a unanimous decision over OPBF junior featherweight champ Willie Lucas, Philippines, in a 10-round non-title bout.

Vichit was very aggressive in the first five rounds, dominating almost every session. He ran out of gas in the seventh, Lucas turned loose, and it became a total war. Muangroi-et held on against the southpaw's rallies, and, though Willie won the final session clearly, Vichit was entitled to the decision. The result might have been different if the bout had been scheduled for 12 rounds—with Lucas' OPBF crown at stake.

Thai junior bantamweight hope Phaktae Lipoviatan-D won a close but unanimous decision over Diego de Villa, Philippines, in the other 10-round bout.
(06-04-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Hard hitting Barbtorani Luklumpakchee, 118, retained his Stadium bantamweight crown by stopping Ali Baba Luklongton, 117, in the sixth frame of a scheduled 10-round contest.

Songchai Ratthanasuban Promotions. The remainder of the card was made up of kick boxing contests.
Attendance—9,000.
(06-09-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Nasai Charlermchaigym, 121, the Thai Commission's seventh ranked junior bantamweight, disposed of Prasobchok Sithborvon, 122, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(06-03-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Arcadej Singjomthong, 125, the TBC's top ranked featherweight, battled to a draw with former national champ Kolynyuth P. Punyuth, 127, six. Arcadej is still undefeated. He was decked in round three by a solid left hook, but came back to dominate the last three sessions.
(05-28-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Barbtorani Luklumpakchee, 120, pounded out a unanimous decision over Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm, 119, the TBC's top ranked flyweight contender, six.
(05-19-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaosai Gallaxy Vungchomphoo, 121½, stopped unknown Terdsakdi Porntavee, 122, in round three of a scheduled six.
(05-13-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ponpun Sorphayathai, 122, the TBC's top ranked junior featherweight contender, knocked out less experienced Yodkwan Domepassport, 123, in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round bout.
(05-11-81)

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Paul Ferreri, holder of the Australian and Commonwealth bantam titles and the Australian featherweight and junior lightweight crowns, lost his national featherweight championship to Gary Williams in a verdict that shocked this writer.

The decision was split, the referee and the judge carding for Williams, 146-145 and 144-143, respectively, and the other judge voting for Ferreri, 146-142. I thought Ferreri won by a wider margin. This is not downgrading Williams, a fast, smart boxer, but Ferreri is world class, though he was not at the top of his form in this bout. Perhaps, at 33½, he is slipping. We'll know better when he defends his national junior lightweight crown against Dennis Talbot next month.

Ferreri scaled 125, Williams 125½. Both are southpaws, and there will be a return bout.

Clint Brown, 160, outpointed Con O'Connor, also 160, 10.
Roy Hughes, 129, and Rocky Warren, 128, drew, eight.
Capacity attendance.
(06-17-81)

▲ **SUTHERLAND—United Services Club**—Former Australian lightweight champion Billy Mulholland, 138, made a comeback after nearly three years of inactivity and dropped a 10-round decision to fight sharpened Gary Rosen, 139. Billy's timing was off.

Sparrow Freeman, 128, outscored Lou Williams, 132, six.

Clint Brown, 159, stopped Ceddy McGrady, 155, in the first round of their scheduled six.

Mick Dunningham, 144, halted John O'Dell, 152, in the third frame of a scheduled four.
(06-09-81)

▲ **MERRYLANDS—R.S.L. Club**—Billy Mulholland, 136½, won a split decision over Larry Valesini, 135½, another former champ, in a good 10-round bout.

Frank Carlson, 123½, outpointed Patrick Burns, 119, eight.

Wayne O'Donnell, 135½, stopped Lou Williams, 132¼, in the second session of a scheduled six-rounder.

Glenn Baker, 146½, outscored Mark Apollo Smith, 141, four.
(06-19-81)

▲ **BELMONT—Sailing Club**—Australian junior welter champion Peter Berrigan, 139, outscored Dawsie Kelly, 139, 10, in a non-title bout. Berrigan, who did not lose a round, will soon defend his crown against Graham Bell.

Mick Thompson, 148¾, knocked out Vinnie Edwards, 143¼, in the eighth and final round.

Four-rounders: Alan Cotterill, 156½, outpointed Tiger Kelly, 150. Neil Ray, 133¼, outscored Steve Foster, 150 (a 16¾-pound difference in weight). Ossie (AKA Wayne) Osland, 141, stopped Afa Amasaga, 134½, in the fourth and final round.
(06-17-81)

▲ **URANA**—Wayne Meredith, 147¾, knocked out Basil Crowe, 145½, in the eighth and final round.

Kenny Jacob, 125¾, kayoed Jay Crowe, 123½, in the fifth round of scheduled six-round contest.

Kenny Holt, 147¾, and Tony Cox, 143¼, drew four.

Brendan Barrett, 158¾, and Ray Leary, 154¼, drew, three.

Steve Finlayson, 127¾, and Max Whittaker, 125¾, drew, three.
(06-19-81)

QUEENSLAND

▲ **BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Former Australian welterweight champ Steve Dennis, 152½, easily outpointed Matareti Valu, also 152½, Fiji, 10. Dennis is now the leading contender for the national junior middleweight title.

Greg Liesegang, 134, stopped Match Poppins, 140, in the fourth round of another 10-rounder due to a cut eye. Poppins, who sometimes fights under his real name, Ted Hopkins, gave Liesegang a tough fight while the contest lasted.

Guy Parker, 147, and Dave Bellis, 145, drew, eight.

Alan Black, 167, outscored Kevin Wagstaff, also 167, six.

Sammy Santon, 142, outpointed Alan Robinson, also 142, four.
(06-12-81)

▲ **BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Anthony Naidu, 135½, Fiji, outpointed Rex Cannon, 135, 10.

Dave Bellis, 146, outpointed Robert Scott, also 146, 10.

Greg Liesegang, 134, outscored Willie Leslie, 135, 10.

Derek Wilmott, 132, outpointed Sammy Santon, 140, six.
(06-26-81)

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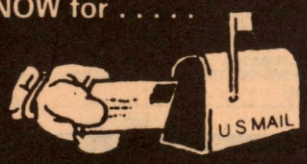

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Trevor Berbick kayoed Conroy Nelson, 2
(Won Vacant Commonwealth Heavyweight Title)
Renaldo Snipes lucked past Gerrie Coetzee, 10
Earnie Shavers halted Terrell Simms, 2
Leroy Caldwell beat Jeff Shelburg, 10
Scott LeDoux outscored Arnold Sam, 10
Michael Dokes iced Harry Terrell, 1
Scott Frank kayoed Eddie Mallard, 3
Tim Witherspoon halted Jerry Williams, 8
Harvey Steichen knocked out Billy Jo Thomas, 4
John Tate destroyed Claman Parker, 1
Monte Masters kayoed Verlee Price, 6
Jim Olszewski kayoed Tim Johnson, 7
Mike White iced Tom Hartlage, 1
Dino Denis outpointed Don Halpin, 10
Chris McDonald wiped out Ray James, 1
George Graham stoped Charles Wade, 5
Guy Casale knocked out Paul Benjamin, 1
Elijah Tillery beat Ed Smith, 8
Charles Wade halted Tom Trimm, 6
Alfonzo Ratliff kayoed Henry Patterson, 2
Jumbo Cummings stopped Bobby Jordan, 9
Harold Neveau knocked out Bill Robinson, 5
James Broad iced Al Collins, 1

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Michael Spinks outpointed Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, 15 (Won WBA Light Heavyweight Title)
Murray Sutherland decisioned James Williams, 12
Jerry Celestine stopped Ernie Barr, 3
Chris Schwenke iced Karl Hess, 1
LeRoy Murphy knocked out John Trollinger, 1
S.T. Gordon stopped Alvaro (Yagui) Lopez, 7
(Retained NABF Cruiserweight Title)
Niva Tofaeono halted Junior Albers, 9
Jay Strickland kayoed Fred Dudley, 2
Joe Dean Wright drew with Ernest Dunbar, 10
Billy Ratliff stopped Mike Ashenbrenner, 4
James Anderson iced Alexander McMiller, 1
Otis Gordon beat Aldo Montes, 10
Ladislao Mijangos stopped Roberto Cruz, 2
David "Maceton" Cabrera halted Jesse Island, 2

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Dwight Davison decisioned Wilford Scypion, 10
Bernard Mays beat Ralph Moncrief, 10
Bobby Czyz stopped Rick Noggle, 7
Andy Riccardi halted Tommy Merola, 6
Guy Kennedy kayoed Steve Small, 6
Humberto De Los Rios knocked out Carlos Flores, 3
Jim Kinchen halted Juan Rivas, 2
Manuel Zambrano stopped Raul Diaz, 7
Robbie Sims knocked out Jesus "Pecho" Castro, 3
Andres Ramirez stopped Pedro Diaz, 4
Pedro Diaz halted Felipe Suarez, 6

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Roberto Duran outpointed Nino Gonzalez, 10
Bruce Johnson decisioned Tony Braxton, 10
James Green beat Mario Maldonado, 8
James Green outscored Dario DeAza, 8
Gary Giron won on decision from J.J. Cottrell, 10
Albert Mills halted Richard Nixon, 5
Ted White stopped Darnell Smith, 3
Emiliano Villa kayoed Sigfredo Colorado, 6
Manuael Saavedra outpointed Jairo Segovia, 12 (Retained Colombian Junior Middleweight Title)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Pete Ranzany stopped Howard Jackson, 6
Roger Stafford beat Kevin Howard, 10
Kevin Howard halted Felix Nance, 4
Bruce Finch kayoed Sonny Perez, 2
Donald Curry stopped Eddie Campbell, 6
Bobby Joe Young halted Ceotis Burgess, 5
Sammy Rookard iced Larry Lipscomb, 1

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Pete Padilla beat Cirilo Morel, 8
Todd Longmuir outscored Mike Thomas, 8
Herb Darity iced Sean McGarry, 1
Quentin Blackman decisioned Randy Mitchum, 8
Tyrone Moore halted Pablo Gomez, 6
Frankie Davis stopped Darryl Cottrell, 3
Ronnie Shields kayoed Ed Modicue, 7
Eusebio Flores halted Jose Sanchez, 3

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Curtis Harris decisioned James Martinez, 12
(Won USBA Lightweight Title)
Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini outscored Joe Luis Ramirez, 12
(Retained NABF Lightweight Title)
Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez outscored Tae-Jin Moon, 10
James Busceme halted Herman Montes, 6
John Mones stopped Gustavo Rodriguez, 2
Luis E. Martinez kayoed Alexis Arguello, 6
Leoncio Ortiz beat Fili Ramirez, 10
Charlie Brown knocked out Dexter Smith, 4
Gino Perez halted Danny Daniels, 4
Barry Michael stopped Dave McCabe, 7
(Retained British Commonwealth Lightweight Title)
Roberto Garcia outpointed Darrel Stovall, 10
Irleis Perez iced Aurelio Martinez, 1
Louis Hubela stopped Trevor Evelyn, 8
Santiago Murga halted Antelmo Flores, 2
Lalo Rojas decisioned Jose Luis Escalera, 8
Sergio Medina stopped Manuel Sanchez, 6
Sergio Medina TKO'd Nacho Saucedo, 7
Jose Sanchez iced Benny Abarea, 6
Chucho de la Cruz won by disqualification from Juan del Toro, 8
Gato Toledo stopped Rudiciel Solar, 6
Francisco Tolentino outpointed Juan Sarmiento, 10
Jose Luis Madrid TKO'd Carlos Figueroa, 6

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Young-Sae Oh beat Ryu Fukita, 12
(Retained OPBF Junior Lightweight Title)
Rocky Garcia outscored Salvadore Ugalde, 10
Carlton Sparrow stopped Rocky Polando, 2
Johnny Aba halted Tony Styles, 9
Tony Santana outscored Alberto Collazo, 10
Hector Camacho iced Jose Figueroa, 1
Rolando Navarette decisioned Blaine Dickson, 10
Roberto Vinas kayoed Jose Jimenez, 7

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Jaime Garza kayoed Lupe Martinez, 2
Diego Rosario beat Edwin Santiago, 8
Felipo Orozco outscored Carlos Bejarano, 10
James Pipps iced Gilbert Favella, 1
Paco Gutierrez stopped Florentino Valverde, 1
Martin Torres beat Freddie Moreno, 8
Roberto Garcia halted "Bazookita" Mendez, 3

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Eusebio Pedroza kayoed Carlos Pinango, 7
(Retained WBA Featherweight Title)
Alejandro Galvia outscored Ramon Henriquez, 10
Gino Gelormino iced Quydil Hart, 1
Paul DeVorce halted Jorge Vasquez ?
Edwin Rivera beat Pipino Oquendo, 8
Leo Martinez stopped Jose Salas, 3
Ricardo Cardona outscored Jose Cueto, 10
Rafael Gandarilla kayoed Miguel Hernandez, 4
Reyes Gonzalez halted Gerardo Pena, 4
Bonifacio Flores stopped Jorge Morales, 3
Roberto Martinez knocked out Alfredo Vazquez, 2
Marcos Villasana kayoed Cenobio Nicolas, 4
Carlos Linares halted Silvio Pastrana, 4
Juan Reyes stopped Andres Balderas, 2
Pablo Marquez knocked out Jose Gonzalez, 6
Jose Luis Barboza TKO'd Albino Gomez, 3
Justo Garcia kayoed Guillermo "Lobo" Morales, 4
(Retained Mexican Featherweight Title)
Oscar Burgos stopped Salvador Casarrubias, 7
Carlos Gonzalez beat Ricky Avila, 10
Raul Corona kayoed "Tili" Beltran, 3
Felipe Garcia outpointed Jesus Lara, 10
Lupe Acosta iced Esteban Guzman, 1
Martin Castro kayoed Enrique Torres, 2
Martin Castro TKO'd "Chamaco" Arias, 3

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Jeff Chandler stopped Julian Solis, 7
(Retained World Bantamweight Title)
Lupe Pintor halted Jovito Rengifo, 8
(Retained WBC Bantamweight Title)
Richard Sandoval iced Martillo Camacho, 1
Mark Pacheco stopepd George Maldonado, 4
Harold Petty kayoed Sil Martinez, 6
Don Nisivoccia halted Dan LaValley, 5
Johnny Carter battered Javier Flores, 7
Jiro Watanabe outscored Hwang-Il Lee, 10
Francisco Marquez drew with Manuel Juarez, 10
Diego Avila halted Angel Lira, 5
Felipe Fernandez whipped Antonio Gallegos, 10
Hector (Young Casanova) Medina stopped Horacio Pintado, 4
Jorge Ramirez kayoed Norberto Cabrera, 2
(Won Mexican Bantamweight Title)
Armando Terron halted Martin Diaz, 2
Juan Atilano kayoed Jose Garibo, 8
Felipe Fernandez outpointed Antonio Gallegos, 10
Jose Franco stopped Abel Gonzalez, 5
Mario Nava outscored Armando Perez, 10
Jose Luis Campos beat Noel Herrera, 8
Daniel Zaragoza stopped Roque Guillen, 3

FLYWEIGHTS
Hwan-Jin Kim knocked out Pedro Flores, 13
(Won WBA Junior Flyweight Title)
Chul-Ho Kim stopped Willie Jensen, 13
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Armando Perez kayoed Chucho Cazarez, 10
Aaron Garcia halted Pedro Barajas, 6
Hugo Rodriguez iced Mario Romero, 1
Amado Ursua knocked out Arturo Tebaqui, 4
Jesus Becerra kayoed Hipolito Hernandez, 9
Candido Tellez won by disqualification against Eleoncio Mercedes, 2
Ramon Escalante kayoed Oscar Moreno, 7
Aaron Garcia stopped Angel Ortega, 4
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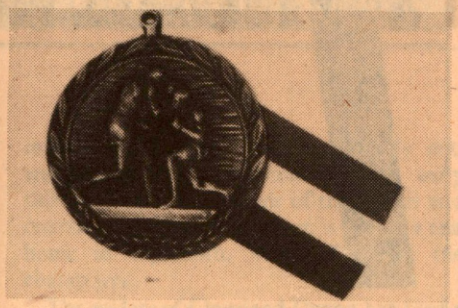

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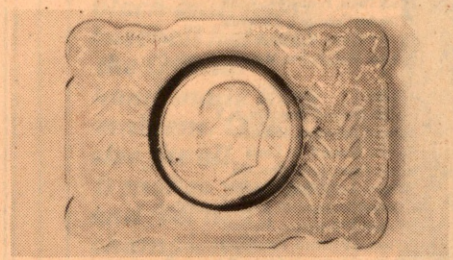

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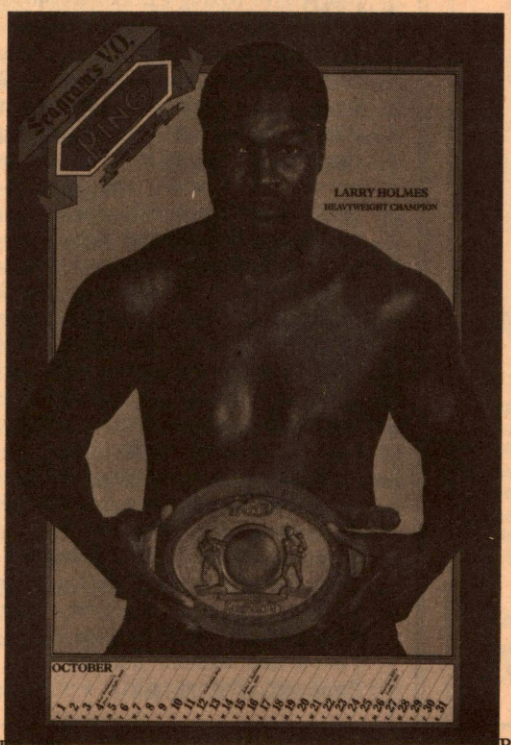

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9-Jimmy Bills, Vallejo, Calif.
10-Duane Davis, Missoula, Mont.
Dawud Shaw, Philadelphia

156 LBS.
1-Alfred Mayes, St. Louis
2-John Jackson, Seattle
3-Bobby McCorvey, Army
4-Brian Matthews, Chicago
5-Steve Johnson, Hutchinson, Kans.
6-Derrick Drane, Honolulu
7-Jack Padia, Penngrove, Calif.
8-Charles Campbell, Knoxville
9-Percy Harris, Baltimore
10-David McCall, Des Moines

147 LBS.
1-Mark Breland, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2-Darryl Robinson, Houston
3-Lewis Howard, St. Louis
4-Sean Pruitt, Columbus, Ga.
5-Darryl Anthony, St. Louis
6-Darrell Stubblefield, Snohomish, Wash.
7-Capers D'Antignac, Marines
8-Vincent Releford, Fort Worth
9-Roman George, Lafayette, La.
10-Al Long, Los Angeles
Tim Christensen, Marines

AMATEUR RATINGS

BOXER OF THE MONTH: Mark Breland of Brooklyn, N.Y., for capturing the 147 lb. crown at the National Sports Festival against two formidable opponents and with such impressive style.

139 LBS.
1-Vincent Webb, St. Louis
2-Cedric Rosa, Dallas
3-Henry Hughes, Cleveland
4-David Collett, Metairie, La.
5-Jeffrey Geter, Navy
6-David Perry, Montrose, Colo.
7-Jerry Page, Columbus, Ohio
8-John Puente, Toledo
9-Michael Johns, Louisville
10-Andy Nance, Novato, Calif.

132 LBS.
1-Vinnie Pazienza, Cranston, R.I.
2-Timmy Rabon, Broussard, La.
3-Timothy Brown, Army
4-Kenny Taylor, Cleveland
5-Alex Fernandez, Navy
6-Brett Summers, Marysville, Wash.
7-Michael Dominguez, New York City
8-Dwight Flores, Roswell, N.M.
9-Eddie Osborne, Sacramento, Calif.
10-Steve Cline, Rogers, Ark.

125 LBS.
1-Benji Marquez, Denver
2-Guadalupe Suarez, Corpus Christi, Tex.
3-Shelton LeBlanc, Carencro, La.
4-James Cooper, St. Louis
5-Rodney Watts, Cleveland
6-Dino Ramirez, Los Angeles
7-Tommy Ayers, Cincinnati
8-Clifford Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
9-Charlie Brown, Silvis, Ill.
10-Bernard Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
Lawrence Howie, Army

119 LBS.
1-Richard Savage, W. Monroe, La.
2-Steve Cruz, Fort Worth
3-Tony Montoya, Salt Lake City
4-James Johnson, Washington, D.C.
5-Vern Larvie, Rapid City, S.D.
6-Ronald Byrd, Flint, Mich.
7-Bruce Embry, Albion, Mich.
8-David Gauvin, Fall River, Mass.
9-John Collins, Jackson, Tenn.
10-Randy King, Nashville

112 LBS.
1-Fred Perkins, Army
2-Mark Harrison, Pontiac, Mich.
3-Ronnie Rentz, Albuquerque
4-Conrad Sanchez, Austin, Tex.
5-Larry Gary, Phoenix
6-Ronald Freeman, St. Louis
7-Herbie Bivalacqua, Marrero, La.
8-Reggie Robinson, Houston
9-Manuel Soto, Magna, Utah
10-Joe DeVoll, New Bedford, Mass.
Rocky Young, Wheeling, W. Va.

106 LBS.
1-Jesse Benavides, Corpus Christi
2-Paul Gonzales, Los Angeles
3-Steve McCrory, Detroit
4-Les Fabri, Seattle
5-Luis Gonzalez, Bronx, N.Y.
6-Israel Acosta, Milwaukee
7-Jose Rosario, Paterson, N.J.
8-Terry McNeal, Wilmington, N.C.
9-Inocencio Ventura, Marines
10-Paul Segura, Raton, N.M.
Joe Martinez, Mendota, Calif.

from *The Amateur Boxer*

INSIDE BO

WHETHER YOU WANT TO BELIEVE IT OR not, Chris McDonald, a Tiverton, Rhode Island college student, may well be the talk of the boxing world within the next three years. He is the "white hope" for the future, if there is such a thing any longer. The reason that Gentleman Gerry Cooney is sought for after dinner engagements, ads on TV, and other commercials, is because he is a heavyweight, and he is white! Muhammad Ali said it years ago: "we need the white contenders", he was right. Cooney may win the title—may I say, this is doubtful too, as Mike Weaver and Larry Holmes are not pushovers waiting as easy prey for their white counterpart, they are legitimate champions in a world today where the fistic talent in the heavyweight ranks is at a minimum. Cooney is the money-maker—and all the black heavyweights, want to box him for the payday!

Chris McDonald is just 20 years old. He has time—he does not work, he lives at home and he is single. Everything is going for this young man but most important of all, he can fight. I've followed his very interesting and progressive boxing career here in New England for many years. McDonald is a student at Bristol Community College, part-time. He first entered the gym at the age of 12, to lose weight. John Almeida and Ron Comeau saw this young man and more or less laughed, he tipped the Fairbanks at 178, he was as wide as he was tall. Comeau and Almeida are out now, Goody Petronelli, who trains Marvin Hagler has taken over for Bob Arum, who has McDonald under a three-year contract. It's a 45 minute drive from Tierton, Rhode Island to Brockton, Mass. where this future champion goes through his paces. This writer tabbed Chris as championship material three years ago—he's got the moves, the heart and the natural ability—now for a little learning and he'll be there, watch and see.

Didjaknow that portsiders, once a rare item in boxing, have become more prominent by the year. Fellows like Jim Watt, Maurice Hope, Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Kenny Lane, Dave Charnely, Brian Curvis and Saensak Muangsurin all achieved championship status, either world or regional? Toss in Mate Parlow and Marvin Johnson too . . . Lou Brouillard, former world welterweight and

middleweight champion was the only outstanding southpaw around in the early thirties. Lou is a neighbor of this writer and constant companion, however, is now in a rest home in Plymouth, Mass. We wish the champ well.

The widow of Cleveland Denny has filed a lawsuit seeking $509,682 for the loss of her husband, who died penniless almost a year ago from head injuries received in a boxing match with Gaetan Hart at Montreal. The suit was filed in Quebec Superior Court, naming Hart, the Montreal Athletic Commission which oversees boxing and the Olympic Installations Board, the Government agency that manages the Olympic Stadium, as defendants along with Hart's trainer, Ralph Citro and Pierre Gobeil, a sportswriter who was named as Denny's co-manager.

Howard Davis, former Olympic titleholder and outstanding ring prospect 5 years ago and his former mentor, Dennis Rapporport have come to a parting of the ways. Davis lost in his bid for a W.B.C. world title, when he was soundly thumped by Jim Watt in Scotland last year. Rapporport is the manager of heavyweight Gentleman Gerry Cooney.

Behind the wheel of his 1980 Cadillac at 2 a.m., police pulled Leon Spinks over on the northwest side of Detroit, a few miles from his home, for driving with an expired license plate. It was his sixth brush with the law in the past three years. As the former heavyweight champion reached into the glove compartment for the auto's registration, police spotted a .357 Magnum handgun. "He said he wasn't even aware the gun was in the car," said Sgt. Arthur Williams of the Detroit Police Department! Poor Leon, he'll never learn, hard luck seemed to pursue him wherever he goes.

Hank Kaplan, former President of the World Boxing Historians Association was nominated by the Board of Directors of the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Las Vegas, as the permanent Chairman of the Selection Committee for selecting inductees into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations Hank!

Sugar Ray Leonard is now 25 years old and a millionaire. He said he didn't want to box after winning the 1976 Olympics, but he changed his mind. According to his advisor Angelo Dundee, he did the right thing when he decided to "join the punch for pay ranks". He will never have to work again when he hangs up the gloves for good after a few more fights.

See you next month—keep punching!

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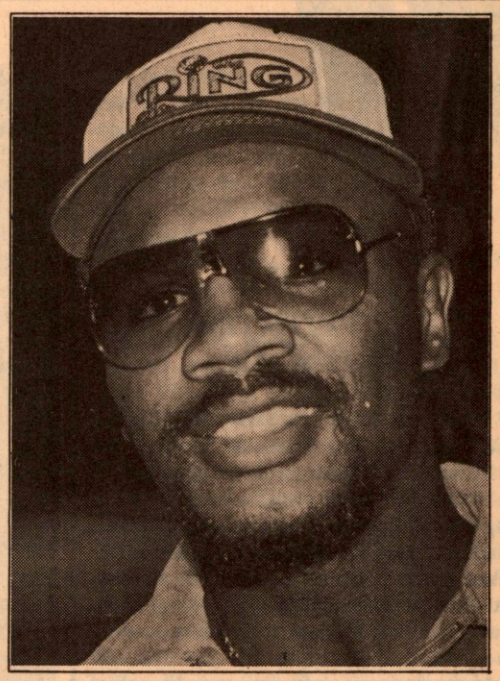

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

PAT VALENTINO
BY JACK FISKE

HE WAS "THE CALIFORNIA GRIZZLY BEAR," "The Pride of The Excelsior District," or just plain Pat Valentino, the ring name he took from his second cousin—movie idol Rudolph Valentino—because fight announcers couldn't pronounce his real name, Guglielmi.

And it was 32 years ago this month that, Pat Valentino, an outrageously longhaired, grammar-school dropout from France street, who had limited vision in one eye and couldn't close his left fist, was the chief reason every seat, every aisle and entryway at San Francisco's Cow Palace was jampacked for his challenge to the crown worn by National Boxing Association world heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles.

It was the first world hevyweight championship in San Francisco in 40 years, when Jack Johnson knocked out an overmatched middleweight named Stanley Ketchel.

On Oct. 14, 1949, San Franciscans turned out in style for the first fight ever held at the arena built during the Depression. Pat Valentino was one of their own, born less than a mile away.

The night he fought Charles, Valentino was 28 years old. Barely 15 months earlier he had undergone an operation to correct a torn retina in his right eye received from an open-glove jab by neighborhood heavyweight Tony Bosnich. (Their grudge fights, said Valentino, "were strictly for the fans' consumption. We were friendly then and still are now.") Two months after his injury, Valentino went ahead and won the California title in a 15-rounder with Turkey Thompson—"I needed the money"—and then had surgery.

Now 60, his eye lifeless, Valentino recently recalled the little drama that led to his challenge at the title. "Jack Andrade was my manager and only the two of us knew about the eye. I laid around for 14 months after the operation, then all of a sudden they made the fight. I knew I wasn't in condition, but Jack went along with it and I wanted it that way. The commission didn't know about it. I could read the eye test through the part of my eye that wasn't ripped.

"I just didn't let it bother me. I was determined. I wanted the title and it hadn't bothered me against Thompson."

Valentino also wanted the money. "I just lived from fight-to-fight. When Andrade told me I might get Charles. I said 'take it, but I didn't know it would be that soon. I only had four-and-a-half weeks, but (Charles' people) said 'take it or leave it'. They knew I had had the operation.

"The eye was weak, but it wasn't the eye that bothered me. It was my condition. I made up my mind that I had to get Charles early, so I started throwing right hands to the body. I really had only one hand, 'cause I couldn't use my left hand effectively. Not many people knew it, but while in the Coast Guard during the war I accidentally fired a bullet through my left forefinger and it became permanently stiff. I couldn't close my fist, and there went my left hook.

"Although my body looked in shape, I wasn't really ready. In the first round, I threw rights to the body and I think I broke his ribs in the very first rounds. He doubled up several times, y'know, held his knee up off the canvas. I don't know how he took those shots. He would pull his knee up in pain. He didn't fight again, in a regular fight, for a year afterwards.

"Charles was a great fighter, but I was surprised how easy he was to hit in the body. After the seventh round, I knew I was doing real well. But I also knew it was only a matter of time. I tell you, it's a funny feeling knowing that you may not last."

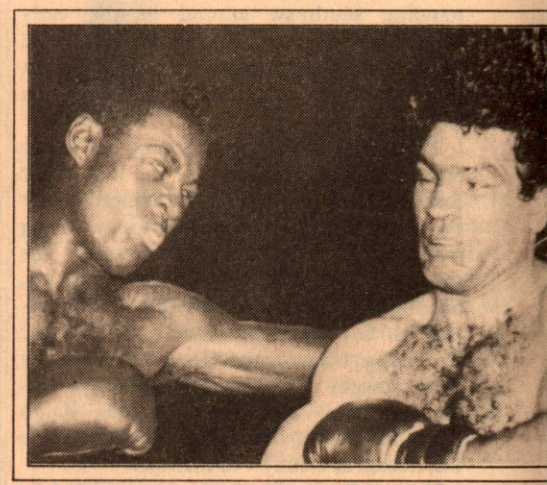
After seven rounds, two officials had Valentino, a 5-1 underdog, ahead, 39-38, on points. The other official had Charles in front, 39½ to 37½.

"As the fight went on," Valentino continued, "I felt the effects of not being in condition. In the eighth round, Charles hit me with a hook and a right cross, really nailed me flush, and I went down on my back. I struggled up, but the referee, Jack Downey, stopped it at 35 seconds. I thought I should have been permitted to continue; but I never protested in 15 years I never protested once."

The match drew $167,870, a California record at the time. Pat got $5000, his biggest purse, and Andrade got half of it. Charles' end was $46,048.

It was Valentino's next-to-last fight in a career that would see him wind up with a respectable 48-12-4 record with 26 KO's.

"The eye didn't bother me against Charles," Pat remembered, "but a couple of weeks later the retina dropped down again. I was completely blind in the right eye. Five weeks after Charles, I fought (Joe) Louis in Chicago Stadium on Dec. 7, 1949. I took it for the money, again. I knew I was going to have to quit boxing and I wanted some money until I got a job. I was to get $7500 and I didn't say anything to Andrade about the eye. Only my wife knew. But she told me not to take the fight.



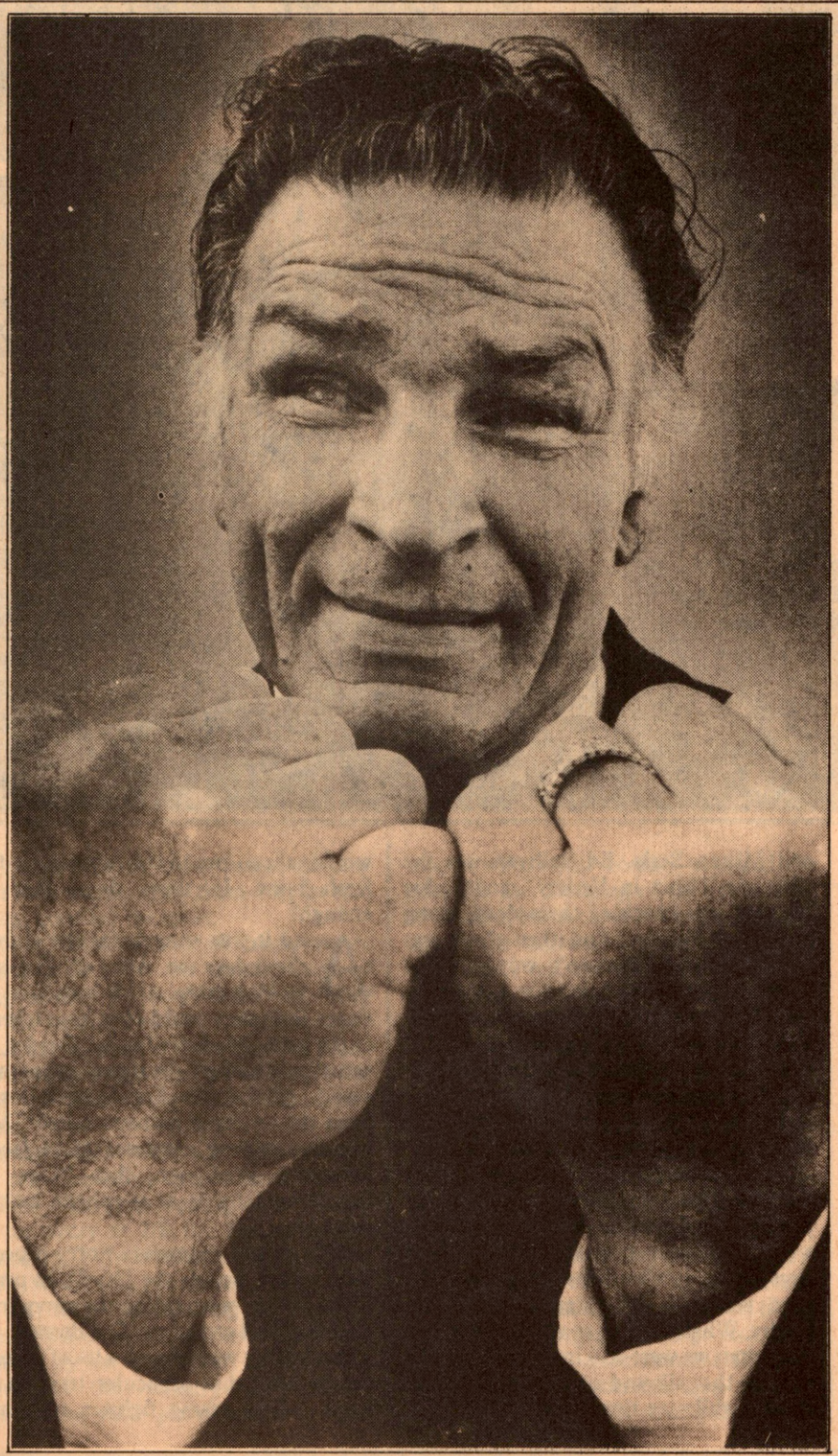
"I passed the eye test in Chicago, reading the chart with my good eye and then again with the same eye, crossing my hands and got away with it."

Louis had retired undefeated as champion nine months earlier and was boxing "exhibitions" leading up to a showdown with NBA titleholder Charles in 1950.

"In the corner," Valentino said, "Andrade said 'Take it easy, box easy.' I asked why and he said 'just do it'. (But) Louis was leveling—throwing hard punches—and in the third I said to myself, 'T'hell with this'; I got mad and belted him around. When I came back to the corner Andrade was screaming and jumped all over me. 'What are you doing?' I said, 'Whatd'ya mean? He's kicking hell out of me'.

"I don't know if it was to be a phony fight, but I didn't want any part of it. In the eighth round, Louis threw a double jab and a right hand and I fell through the ropes. They counted me out while I was getting back in the ring. I wasn't on the floor, I was climbing through the ropes. Louis didn't really hurt me. I was half blind, and couldn't see the left hooks coming, especially up close.

"I never spoke to Andrade from that time on.



"I had made up my mind before the fight that it would be my last. I thought the money—minus Andrade's half—would keep me until I got a job from one of the people who always told me to come around. Of course, they all said 'Sorry' when I did, and I became a beer salesman for $75 a week."

Eight years later, Valentino won a $2388 judgment against Andrade for cutting his purses in half instead of the legal one-third.

In 1950, Pat moved his family from Millbrae to Los Angeles after appearing in a film, *Glory Alley*, with Ralph Meeker, and took a job as an assembler at Lockheed Aircraft for $45 a week. He purchased a bar in North Hollywood, was fairly successful but had to work 18 hours a day to support his wife and five children. Eventually, there was a divorce, and Valentino sold out and moved home to San Francisco.

Nine years ago, he remarried and went to work as maitre d' at Scoma's on Fisherman's Wharf.

The old-time fight fans, he says, "still come up to me in the restaurant and say, 'Gee, I saw you fight for the title. It's an important part of your life that after so many years they still remember you. You expect champions to get that, but I was never a champion."

He'd have liked to have found other opportunities over the years after giving up boxing, but from the time he was a kid, life has been a struggle.

"We were eight kids, and we all worked in my family's produce store on Persia and Mission; it was the Depression, and my father kept us out of school. He said, 'You work, I feed you.' "

Pat's long, curly black hair in the ring and out, long before the hippie era, was a gimmick he adopted for publicity. "An old-time fighter told me to let it grow and the women would go wild over it. I let it grow long in the back and sides, trimmed it in front, Hollywood style, so I could see. I got a lot of stories in the papers.

"I told people it was superstition: that I didn't want a barber to take my strength, but it was all bull," he says today with a laugh.

"I was never a fight fan," he adds. "I did go see Ray Lunny II a couple of years ago, but one of the preliminary fighters got cut so bad it made me sick to my stomach and I never went back. Watching it on television is different. In person you feel every punch, and when they get cut; that's why I never go. When I was fighting it was part of the business to be seen and introduced from the ring. I never liked fighting. I did it for a purpose.

BOXING'S TV PICTURE

From Cavalcade of Sports to Cable

BY STEPHEN BASS

In every marriage there has to be give and take on both sides and this is certainly true of the relationship between the sports world and the media at large. No doubt that from the very first time that one man belted another, there was some self-appointed person who felt the need and desire to "pass on" the information of the event and, in order to make the telling a more enjoyable task, added a bit of color and bent a little of the truth. It's always been the same—from caveman to town crier, to tablet to paper to magazine; to radio to television to whatever comes next.

But, wherever there is growth there is evolution; and wherever there is evolution there is change. And there have been a lot of changes in the way boxing and TV have influenced each other through the years.

The '50s was the era of I Love Lucy and Milton Berle. Ed Sullivan was the "Hottest Thing in Variety" and Jackie Gleason was knocking them dead, along with Red Skelton. And then there was boxing. To use Skelton's words: "The Monday fight, scheduled for a Tuesday this Wednesday, has been postponed till Thursday and re-scheduled for Friday this Saturday because Sunday's a holiday." In case you missed the point, there was quite a bit of televised boxing in the fifties—and *that's* an understatement!

For the most part, they were small-time fights featuring small-time fighters taking place in small-time clubs. But we weren't a very discriminating audience in those days, so we didn't ask for much. Hell, we even tolerated something called Roller Derby. Whatever we got was free and, besides that, we were still intrigued with the miracle that allowed us to watch "something" while we timed just how long it would take to run to the refrigerator for a fresh brew. In those days, that was enough!

And it was enough for the clubs in those days too. After all, they were making more in TV broadcast revenues than they could ever have taken in at the gate—Madison Square Garden was actually "losing" live-gate moneys in search of the new-found gold flowing from the one-eyed monster called TV. It was fast making promoter Mike Jacobs' far-seeing prediction that "One day they'll hold fights in telephone booths" come true.

Why should promoters worry if people didn't show up for the "live", in-person action? They were riding the gravy train. And they had company: The Boxers.

But boxing was to need a lot of passengers to keep this particular train in the black. Many young fighters took more and more trips to more distant destinations than was good for them—or, for that matter, good for the sport.

Today, faced with an oil crisis, we are beginning to learn the consequences of using up our resources faster than they can be replenished. If a balance isn't struck between use and production, shortages in supply will occur. The same principal was at work in boxing during the fifties.

Young boxers who, with proper handling and seasoning might have become good or even great boxers, were "Used-up" in order to fill the bottomless pit created by TV's insatiable programming needs. When this young and unripe crop ran out, there was nothing left to draw upon. This shortage of talent, aided and abetted by a profusion of scandals throughout the industry—Quiz Shows were having their problems about then too; It wasn't just boxing—sounded the gong for the changing of the cycle. Like an orphan, boxing was left to find its own way in the world once again. The resulting divorce left the sport diminished, if not depleted.

The small club, and especially those which had once housed televised bouts, now suffered the low attendance which television had both destroyed and compensated. Now there were no revenues *and* no attendance. People had lost the habit and, probably due to the overexposure, the interest. Besides, there was still free entertainment to be had at the flick of a switch and a monthly payment of the then-still "cheap" electricity bill. Not just boxing, but theatrical films, ice shows, the legitimate stage and other forms of "live" entertainment fell into the "changing" American taste pattern. Even the circus, which remained relatively unchanged for centuries, was forced to give up their traditional tents in favor of stadia and arenas. Still, they survived and, eventually renewed themselves as did boxing.

In the past few years, boxing has done more than just survive, it has blossomed again into one of TV's most cherished programming possessions, once again drawing the great interest of a worldwide audience. Much of this renewed interest can be credited to Muhammad Ali, whose great performances and charisma interested many who would otherwise not have been drawn to the sport as a form of entertainment.

But there are differences this time. The accent, if you believe the networks, is on quality rather than quantity. Put another way: Boxing is using TV rather than the other way around. However, TV is still affecting boxing. To service the present

"viewing needs", the multi-championship concept has been fostered. TWO organizations have arisen to "Double the Championships, Double the Fun". Not to mention double the revenues. It goes hand-in-hand with TV's most time-honored conceit: That they must dupe the viewer into believing that every moment they spend staring at the 23" cathode tube is the most important event in their life. That moment. The cachet "championship" in front of a fight lends an aura of importance if nothing else. And sometimes, nothing else.

The WBC and WBA each recognize separate world champions in every division except middleweight. This has the effect of making it possible to have one, two and even more "Championship" bouts every weekend. Coupled with the other, lesser championships such as the United States Boxing Association and the North American championships, you have more titles than England's royal family.

Still, other ideas abound in the never ending search for the "better mousetrap". Cable networks have taken to sponsoring "Tournaments" for younger fighters to gain exposure while insuring them an inexpensive supply of high quality programming. Bob Arum has packaged video-tapes of fights of the last decade which have the advantage of certainty regarding the quality of the presentation. This is important because more and more, the quality of the so-called "Quality" contests and their "Importance" are being called into question.

It is becoming almost routine for the announcer of any given fight to apologize beforehand for the caliber of the challenger. Remember, it is to the Champion's advantage to remain champion for as long as he can and to appear to be an exciting performer. "Performer" is the operative word because as even newscasters will tell you—Television is a performer's medium. When you're on that screen, you're larger than life and that's what the viewer wants. He expects it because he's used to seeing it and that's what the transmitting television networks want him to have. Unfortunately, it doesn't always work out that way.

Promoters like to sell packages. That way, they are able to give market value to what would, standing on its own merit—or lack of merit—would command nothing and hence be unsalable. The predicament is that in order to get a truly quality championship title match, television has to take a series of lesser bouts, many of which are unspecified at the time the original contract is made. It is the old story of the good apples being on the top of the barrel, the deeper you go, the worse and more rotten they get. The bad in both instances, usually outnumber the good.

But, as Frank Lloyd Wright once said of the medium: "Television is chewing gum for the eyes." And maybe, now that the flavor is back, we can get something to really sink our teeth—and eyes—into.

A Network By Network Blow By Blow

BY PETER COUTROS

Television puts all of us at ringside. Such is the magic of the medium that fans in faraway places may fancy themselves ensconced cheek-by-jowl with the working press and with Harrumphing Howard who, alas, is at least as jowly as he is cheeky these days.

Often, it is free. Sometimes, however, the tube squeezes us for money, as in cable and closed-circuit coverage of boxing.

One of the constants of the business is that television and the Manly Art need each other, even though they are not always good to each other. Get the picture?

What follows is an attempt to focus on how the box and boxing get along with one another.

ABC

IF WORDS WERE DOLLAR BILLS, HOWARD Cosell would be a very rich man. And Howard Cosell *is* a millionaire.

More than anyone else, his name is synonymous with televised sports. In fact, when Marshall McLuhan equated the message with the medium—they are identical twins, at least—it would be more than an idle guess to fancy Cosell as the messenger he had in mind.

"Howard's presence makes the event important," says one highly-placed ABC source who, after mulling over his assessment, amends it to make it come out, "Howard is bigger than the event."

"There have been times when we had a nothing fight on the air against a real biggie on one of the other networks, when we thought we'd get killed, and when the Nielsen numbers came in, there we were, up on top," gushes the source in loving memory of what Howard has wrought.

"The people who love boxing should be grateful that Howard has lent his talent to the sport," says the man from ABC, leaving his listener to wonder if ABC doesn't really stand for Always Boost Cosell.

While Roone Arledge's network occasionally employs Chris Schenkel or Keith Jackson at ringside, it's Cosell who gets the call for all the major bouts. It is not unreasonable to observe that "as goes Cosell, so goes ABC boxing."

Yes, he is on intimate terms with the English language, but must he flaunt his intimacies as though he were a Lothario regaling us with tales of his sexual conquests?

"It's like sitting in a movie house, trying to pay attention to what's happening on the screen and having somebody constantly yammering away in the seat behind you," complains Arthur Susskind Jr., pinpointing Cosell's most glaring fault, his inability to concede that sports television is basically a visual medium.

Why does Cosell feel it is incumbent on him to inform us that he is better informed, more astutely observant than other occupants of the arena who sometimes cheer a phantom punch . . . or groan over a grazing roundhouse? Why must he tell us, in a voice fairly reeking with disdain, "The fans here got excited over nothing, they over-reacted to a punch that missed." Is our trust in Chet Forte's cameras misplaced? Is the tube lying to us? Is Howard our last conduit to the facts?

While ABC deserves high marks for having provided homebound audiences with more big bouts than all their competitors combined, and while Cosell's candor can be compelling, one hardly need go back to the disastrous Boxing Tournament of Champions—which cost the network $1.5 million and a bundle of its integrity—to sense their shared susceptibility to a sucker punch.

Early in 1980, ABC got stung thrice on a single Sunday afternoon when it aired a triple-header capped by the Larry Holmes-Lorenzo Zanon "title bout". Never were a set of quotes more applicable than they were around this so-called "title bout."

Having been previously kayoed by Kenny Norton and Jerry Quarry—in full view of ABC audiences—Zanon hardly figured to raise a sweat for the champion. Surprisingly, he did. Unsurprisingly, the bout was a dud. In appraising the bout as a stinker, Cosell was "telling it like it is."

He was also reaffirming what our eyes—and our nostrils—had already told us.

TELEVISED BOUTS ON ABC
JANUARY, 1980—JULY, 1981

* Championship Bout.
† Tape Delay

DATE	WINNER	LOSER	RESULT
JANUARY 20, 1980	ALEXIS ARGUELLO*	RUBEN CASTILLO	KO 11
FEBRUARY 3, 1980	LARRY HOLMES*	LORENZO ZANON	KO 6
FEBRUARY 3, 1980	THOMAS HEARNS	JIM RICHARDS	KO 3
FEBRUARY 3, 1980	WILFREDO GOMEZ*	RUBEN VALDEZ	KO 6
MARCH 8, 1980	BERNARDO MERCADO	EARNIE SHAVERS	KO 7
MARCH 16, 1980	ALAN MINTER*	VITO ANTUOFERMO	W 15
MARCH 29, 1980	MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD	JOHN CONTEH	KO 4
MARCH 31, 1980	LARRY HOLMES*	LEROY JONES	KO 8
MARCH 31, 1980	MIKE WEAVER*	JOHN TATE	KO 15
MARCH 31, 1980	SUGAR RAY LEONARD*	DAVE GREEN	KO 5
MARCH 31, 1980	EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD*	MARVIN JOHNSON	KO 11
APRIL 6, 1980	PIPINO CUEVAS*	HAROLD VOLBRECHT	KO 5
APRIL 12, 1980	SALVADOR SANCHEZ*	RUBEN CASTILLO	W 15
APRIL 20, 1980	MARVIN HAGLER	BOBBY WATTS	KO 2
APRIL 27, 1980	WILFREDO GOMEZ*	EDDIE NDUKWU	KO 4
APRIL 27, 1980	ALEXIS ARGUELLO*	ROLANDO NAVARETTE	KO 4
MAY 4, 1980	LEO RANDOLPH*	RICARDO CARDONA	KO 15
MAY 11, 1980	MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD*	LOUIS PERGAUD	KO 5
JUNE 7, 1980	JIM WATT*	HOWARD DAVIS, JR.	W 15
JUNE 21, 1980	SALVADOR SANCHEZ*	DANNY LOPEZ	KO 14
JUNE 28, 1980	ALAN MINTER*	VITO ANTUOFERMO	KO 8
JULY 7, 1980	LARRY HOLMES*	SCOTT LEDOUX	KO 7
JULY 12, 1980	MAURICE HOPE*	ROCKY MATTIOLI	KO 11
SEPTEMBER 13, 1980	SALVADOR SANCHEZ*	PATRICK FORD	W 15
SEPTEMBER 27, 1980	MARVIN HAGLER*	ALAN MINTER	KO 3
OCTOBER 31, 1980	JIM WATT*	SEAN O'GRADY	KO 12
OCTOBER 31, 1980	LARRY HOLMES*	MUHAMMAD ALI	KO 11 †
DECEMBER 13, 1980	SALVADOR SANCHEZ*	JUAN LAPORTE	W 15
DECEMBER 19, 1980	SUGAR RAY LEONARD*	ROBERTO DURAN	KO 8 †
DECEMBER 19, 1981	LUPE PINTOR*	ALBERT DAVILA	W 15
FEBRUARY 8, 1981	HILARIO ZAPATA*	JOEY OLIVO	KO 13
FEBRUARY 14, 1981	EUSEBIO PEDROZA*	PATRICK FORD	KO 13
FEBRUARY 22, 1981	LUPE PINTOR*	JOSE UZIGA	W 15
MARCH 8, 1981	CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS*	RAFAEL LIMON	W 15
MARCH 22, 1981	MICHAEL DOKES	RANDALL COBB	W 10
MARCH 22, 1981	SALVADOR SANCHEZ*	ROBERTO CASTANON	KO 10
MARCH 28, 1981	MICHAEL SPINKS	MARVIN JOHNSON	KO 4
APRIL 12, 1981	SEAN O'GRADY*	HILMER KENTY	W 15
APRIL 25, 1981	THOMAS HEARNS*	RANDY SHIELDS	KO 13
MAY 30, 1981	CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS*	BOBBY CHACON	KO 13
JUNE 6, 1981	MUSTAFA HAMSHO	ALAN MINTER	W 10
JUNE 12, 1981	LARRY HOLMES*	LEON SPINKS	KO 3
	MICHAEL DOKES	JOHN L. GARDNER	KO 3
	GREG PAGE	ALFREDO EVANGELISTA	KO 2
JUNE 27, 1981	AARON PRYOR*	LENNOX BLACKMOORE	KO 2
JULY 18, 1981	MICHAEL SPINKS*	EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD	L 15

NBC

WHEN BOXING FANS RECALL THE "OLD" Garden, they're talking about the arena on Eighth Avenue and 49th St. in Manhattan which wore its marquee the way rich dowagers wear their pendant—a rare jewel proudly displayed.

For the legends and the not-so-legendary, the old Garden was the mecca of mitts and malevolence; a place where dreams came to be born and where they returned to be ground into dust.

The Friday Night Fights had a mooring here, under the aegis of NBC's Cavalcade of Sports when the network's peacock had something to crow about. It was the time of the Willie Peps, Walter Cartiers, Beau Jacks, Paddy DeMarcos, Ike Williamses and Billy Grahams. It was also the time of Jimmy Powers, whose loathing for loquacity once inspired him to let a whole round of boxing pass by without uttering a sound.

On the premise that the current craze for nostalgia now sweeping the country made such a revival propitious, NBC restored the Friday Night Fights last Summer. But, this time without Pep and Cartier and Graham. And without Jimmy Powers and his predilection for letting the picture do more than he could with a thousand words.

Instead, the network gave us Dick Enberg, Dr. Ferdie Pacheco and Sugar Ray Leonard, more resplendent than a peacock in the mating season. Each sought to share with the audience their boxing expertise, along with their wit and wisdom. Since Pacheco also served as NBC's consultant on boxing, even helping to shape the schedule, he showered each presentation with adjectives—the sort you see in movie ads.

The fans at home did not share Pacheco's enthusiasm for the product and the Friday Night Fights—up against CBS' high-rated "Dallas"—did not stay on the tube very long. They laid an egg. An egg that even the most doting peacock should avoid.

Banished from primetime Fridays, boxing is seen mostly on Saturday afternoons on NBC. Pacheco is now paired with Marv Albert as the network intersperses its big-name bouts with several series featuring "rising young stars" in the boxing firmament. One such promotion, "Tomorrow's Champions," has spawned some talent, along with "young stars" who have risen like a tired souffle.

"Tomorrow's Champions" have also restored Pacheco's candor, which seemed to have been misplaced on the "Friday Night Fights." His appraisal of the "young'uns" may be closer to the mark. Maybe the good doctor was meant to be a pediatrician, after all.

In the enforced rollback of greenbacks occasioned by the sort of problems which caused the jettisoning of Fred Silverman, the network has been reluctant to pursue the Big Ones, which are increasingly finding their way to the cable and closed-circuit markets.

Given NBC's limited aspirations, producer Mike Weisman has done a yeoman job making the presentations presentable. Particularly incisive were the segments leading up to the behind-prison-bars matches featuring James Scott, who's doing a heap of "hard" years at Rahway State Prison in New Jersey.

Technically, NBC has been innovative, providing overhead shots of the action in the ring, positioning a clock face on the ring to keep viewers posted on how much time remained in each round, and making us privy to the words of cornermen. But, even then, not all the words were meant for everybody's ears.

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JANUARY, 1980—AUGUST, 1981

* Championship Bout.
† Tape Delay

DATE	WINNER	LOSER	RESULT
FEBRUARY 10, 1980	MICHAEL DOKES	LUCIEN RODRIGUEZ	W 10
FEBRUARY 24, 1980	ROBERTO DURAN	WELLINGTON WHEATLEY	KO 6
MARCH 9, 1980	CURTIS PARKER	DAVID LOVE	KO 9
APRIL 13, 1980	AARON PRYOR	LEONIDAS ASPRILLA	KO 10
MAY 4, 1980	CURTIS PARKER	MIKE COLBERT	W 12
MAY 25, 1980	JERRY MARTIN	JAMES SCOTT	W 10
JUNE 15, 1980	MUSTAFA HAMSHO	WILFORD SCYPION	W disq. 10
JULY 27, 1980	SEAN O'GRADY	GONZALLO MONTELLANO	W 12
AUGUST 1, 1980	WILFRED BENITEZ	TONY CHIAVERINI	KO 8
AUGUST 8, 1980	DWIGHT DAVISON	CURTIS PARKER	W 10
AUGUST 22, 1980	WILFREDO GOMEZ	DERRIK HOLMES	KO 5
OCTOBER 18, 1980	MICHAEL SPINKS	YAQUI LOPEZ	KO 7
NOVEMBER 1, 1980	TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONS		
NOVEMBER 8, 1980	TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONS		
FEBRUARY 15, 1981	MUSTAFA HAMSHO	CURTIS PARKER	W 10
FEBRUARY 22, 1981	TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONS		
MARCH 8, 1981	RENALDO SNIPES	FLOYD (JUMBO) CUMMINGS	W 10
MAY 3, 1981	WILFORD SCYPION	CURTIS PARKER	W 10
MAY 17, 1981	RENALDO SNIPES	EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD	W 10
JUNE 14, 1981	FRANK FLETCHER	NORBERTO SABATER	W 10
JUNE 21, 1981	TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONS		
JUNE 28, 1981	TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONS		
JULY 4, 1981	THOMAS HEARNS*	PABLO BAEZ	KO 4 †
	PIPINO CUEVAS	JORGEN HANSEN	KO 1 †
	TONY AYALA, JR.	JERRY CHEATHAM	KO 6 †
JULY 5, 1981	SUGAR RAY LEONARD*	AYUB KALULE	KO 9 †
JULY 18, 1981	EDWIN ROSARIO	RODRIGO AGUIRRE	KO 8
JULY 26, 1981	BOBBY CZYZ	RICK NOGGLE	KO 7
AUGUST 9, 1981	RENALDO SNIPES	GERRIE COETZEE	W 10

CBS

***CBS' Gladiators* Outside *the ring*.**

DICK CAVETT, WHO KNOWS AS MUCH about boxing as Bo Derek knows about modesty, was running out of time on the second of two talk shows he taped with Angelo Dundee last December.

"Have there been any fixed fights in your time?", inquires Cavett, opening a can of worms, snakes and asps bigger than the one which did in poor Cleopatra.

"Not in my time," Dundee replies in what can best be described as a knee-jerk reaction.

"No?" says Cavett, not wanting to seem unhostly, but unable to smother the incredulity in his voice.

"No," responds Dundee, his face awash in innocence as it must have been when he stood poised before his father's Kodak on his Confirmation Day. "I've been around since 1940 . . . let me see, forty eight . . . I've never seen a fixed fight."

If there were more time—and if Cavett were more perspicacious—the next question, obviously, would have to do with Jake LaMotta and Blackjack Billy Fox. And, if any time remained after that, Cavett might have wanted to get into other times when the Garden smelled of stale shad.

But no matter, Dundee would not have seen it. Nor put any stock in the rumors which became more than rumors with the passage of time. Here's a man who sees no evil, hears no evil, speaks no evil. You can call him Angelic Dundee.

CBS puts him at ringside with Tim Ryan and Gil Clancy and calls him an analyst. If Dundee is an analyst, what does that make Clancy? An analyst, of course! But isn't that a redundancy? Only if you don't buy the Second Opinion Syndrome.

Never mind that you already know something about the Manly Art if you bother tuning in to a bout in the first place. Never mind that Gil Clancy has been around almost as long as Dundee and has trained and managed champions himself. Never mind that you can even get too much of a good thing—and the Clancy-Dundee repartee is not always high-calibre colloquy. But, with the inclusion of Tim Ryan, CBS is loosing on our ears a treble troika which often wreaks more havoc outside the ring than do the gladiators inside the ropes.

Sometimes, Dundee springs a surprise on Clancy. And on the rest of us. He disagrees with Gil, takes up the cudgels for the other guy in the ring, the guy Gil's been dumping on. In the mind's eye, one can see the CBS brass beaming at that, happy that Gil and Angelo are jousting verbally.

Controversy is important to the ratings. Cosell creates controversy and makes millions. CBS is counting on Gil and Angelo to create controversy and make some big numbers for the network. In the Nielsens.

Presumably, Tim Ryan is there to handle the blow-by-blow. But that's the least of his roles. One senses he is also there to serve as interlocutor when Clancy and Dundee are laying funny lines on each other. Or, to make sure Gil and Angelo occasionally touch gloves and come out swapping barbs when the ring action wanes.

Why else would three guys be required to cover an event in which only two participants are involved? Probably because boxing on the tube is another adjunct of show business (how else to explain the emergence of Too Tall Jones in gloves and satin pants on Channel 2?) and because CBS feels there's safety in numbers—this time *not* the Nielsens.

Maybe someday Angelo will ask Gil if he ever saw a crooked fight. Maybe the moon *is* made of cheese.

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JANUARY 12, 1980	LEON SPINKS	ALFREDO EVANGELISTA	KO 5
JANUARY 13, 1980	ROBERTO DURAN	JOSEF NSUBUGA	KO 4
FEBRUARY 2, 1980	SALVADOR SANCHEZ*	DANNY LOPEZ	KO 13
FEBRUARY 16, 1980	MARVIN HAGLER	LOUCIF HAMANI	KO 2
FEBRUARY 23, 1980	HOWARD DAVIS, JR.	VILOMAR FERNANDEZ	W 12
FEBRUARY 24, 1980	MICHAEL SPINKS	RAMON RONQUILLO	KO 7
MARCH 8, 1980	LEON SPINKS	EDDIE LOPEZ	D 10
MARCH 9, 1980	SCOTT LEDOUX	MARTY MONROE	W 10
MARCH 16, 1980	WILFRED BENITEZ	JOHNNY TURNER	KO 9
APRIL 5, 1980	GREG PAGE	GEORGE CHAPLIN	W 10
APRIL 19, 1980	GERRIE COETZEE	MIKE KORANICKI	KO 1
APRIL 19, 1980	MICHAEL DOKES	OSSIE OCASIO	D 10
MAY 3, 1980	THOMAS HEARNS	EDDIE GAZO	KO 1
MAY, 4, 1980	MICHAEL SPINKS	MURRAY SUTHERLAND	W 10
MAY 17, 1980	MARVIN HAGLER	MARCOS GERALDO	W 10
MAY 25, 1980	GERRY COONEY	JIMMY YOUNG	KO 5
MAY 31, 1980	MARTY MONROE	LYNN BALL	KO 5
JUNE 14, 1980	JESSE BURNETT	VICTOR GALINDEZ	W 12
JUNE 28, 1980	MICHAEL DOKES	OSSIE OCASIO	KO 1
JULY 13, 1980	MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD*	YAQUI LOPEZ	KO 14
JULY 20, 1980	EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD*	JERRY MARTIN	KO 10
AUGUST 2, 1980	AARON PRYOR*	ANTONIO CERVANTES	KO 4
AUGUST 9, 1980	THOMAS HEARNS*	PIPINO CUEVAS	KO 2 †
SEPTEMBER 20, 1980	HILMER KENTY*	ERNESTO ESPANA	KO 4
OCTOBER 4, 1980	EUSEBIO PEDROZA*	ROCKY LOCKRIDGE	W 15
NOVEMBER 8, 1980	HILMER KENTY*	VILOMAR FERNANDEZ	W 15
NOVEMBER 22, 1980	AARON PRYOR	GAETAN HART	KO 6
DECEMBER 6, 1980	HOWARD DAVIS, JR.	JOHNNY LIRA	W 10
JANUARY 31, 1981	JEFF CHANDLER*	JORGE LUJAN	W 15
FEBRUARY 7, 1981	GREG PAGE	STAN WARD	KO 7
FEBRUARY 22, 1981	MIKE ROSSMAN	LUKE CAPUANO	W 10
FEBRUARY 28, 1981	MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD*	VONZELL JOHNSON	KO 11
MARCH 14, 1981	GERRIE COETZEE	GEORGE CHAPLIN	W 10
APRIL 11, 1981	GREG PAGE	MARTY MONROE	KO 6
APRIL 25, 1981	MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD*	MURRAY SUTHERLAND	KO 9
MAY 23, 1981	WILFRED BENITEZ*	MAURICE HOPE	KO 12
MAY 31, 1981	DWIGHT BRAXTON	MIKE ROSSMAN	KO 7
JUNE 13, 1981	RODOLFO GONZALEZ	ANDY GANIGAN	W 10
JUNE 20, 1981	ALEXIS ARGUELLO*	JIM WATT	W 15
JULY 19, 1981	RAY MANCINI	JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ	W 12
JULY 25, 1981	JEFF CHANDLER*	JULIAN SOLIS	KO 7
JULY 26, 1981	LUPE PINTOR*	JOVITO RENGIFO	KO 8
AUGUST 8, 1981	DWIGHT DAVISON	WILFORD SCYPION	W 10
AUGUST 9, 1981	ROBERTO DURAN	NINO GONZALEZ	W 10

HBO

SUGAR RAY LEONARD STICKS OUT HIS left hand and scores cleanly as he deftly plucks a bronzed chicken leg from a platter festooned with the dismantled anatomy of one of Frank Perdue's prize pullets.

Regarding it briefly before quickly and quietly reducing it to bare bone, he is intent on hearing what Ross Greenburg has to say. So are Marv Albert and Larry Merchant, flanking Leonard at a table no more than a right-hand haymaker away from the ring apron at the Nassau Coliseum.

It's late afternoon on Friday, Oct. 24, 1980, only hours in advance of The Coliseum Collision, which will pit the relatively untried Gerry Cooney against the sorely-tried Ron Lyle. The bout is being wafted onto the airwaves by Home Box Office, a Time Inc. subsidiary, and Ross Greenburg, in his producer's role, is spelling out the *modus operandi* for Albert, who'll do the blow-by-blow, Merchant, who'll handle the interviews, and Leonard, assigned the analyst's role.

The pow-wow proceeds through much of the afternoon and early evening as Greenburg, and director Bob Fitzpatrick, familiarize their crew with teases, animations, drop-in promos and other minutia peculiar to their business.

The bout begins shortly after 10 P.M. It ends before the bell can ring to signal the end of the first round. Ron Lyle is hearing bells of his own—the carillon from Riverside Church seems to reverberate in the poor man's head—and Gerry Cooney has cleared another hurdle en route to a title match. Not a very high hurdle, to be sure.

Seven months later, Cooney's at it again, rendering Ken Norton senseless and defenseless after only 54 seconds have expired in the first round of their match at Madison Square Garden. Again, it's HBO carrying the bout. Along about now, you'd have to guess that the brass is thinking it might be better for all concerned if they stuck to movies.

"That's what we are, basically, a movie service," says Seth Abraham, HBO's veep in charge of sports. "But we're investing more time and money in sports. There seems to be a harmonious relationship between boxing and cable TV. A natural marriage, in fact.

That's nice, about boxing and television being locked in holy matrimony, practically. But those two Cooney bouts on HBO, both of them together, didn't last as long as a weekend honeymoon.

"Those things happen. But look how well we did with Larry Holmes and Mike Weaver, when Holmes had to knock Weaver out to avoid losing his title," replies Abraham in what sounds very much like a "you-win-some-you-lose-some" tone of voice.

"At least, we didn't have to return any money to sponsors because their commercials never got shown. We don't carry commercials. We like to go into the corners between rounds to show fans what's happening there; what advice the manager is giving his fighter; how a cut is being patched up; how hard the guys are breathing. We're putting the viewer at ringside for the duration of the bout, not whisking him away every three minutes to peddle something."

Boxing, which once lagged in 11th place among HBO's viewers' roster of favorite things, has now soared to fourth place—NFL football, baseball and college football still lead in the ratings. A 45% viewership for the title bout between Larry Holmes and Trevor Berbick—another sleeper overlooked by the networks—helped catapult the exposition of the Sweet Science to its present lofty perch.

When Weaver meets Quick Tillis and Marvin Hagler takes on Mustafa Hamsho in a twin-bill Oct. 3, it will be Saturday Night Live for HBO fans, who pay up to $9 monthly for the service. And, to those who follow boxing, well worth it.

ESPN

TREVOR EVELYN, A BOXER OF MODEST talents, slides to his left and puts a punch on Louis Hubela's chin. The blow does not stun Hubela, nor does Evelyn's lateral movement seem to be an overwhelming factor in the bout. That is, unless you take seriously what Sal Marchiano is saying.

"That was one of the greatest moves I've ever seen, the one Evelyn just put on Hubela," says Sal, waxing ecstatic.

As a relative tyro in the ranks of fight announcers, Marchiano brings a certain wide-eyed innocence to the business. This lack of guile needn't be a drawback in itself. On the contrary, it offers the potential for providing fresh insights into a subject that has fallen hostage to cliche artists.

On the other hand, when one hears a presumed expert talk about "one of the greatest moves I've ever seen", the listener wonders about the speaker's frame of reference.

Has Marchiano ever seen Willie Pep slip an opponent's right cross and counter with his own left in a move which causes the other guy to wonder what the hell he's doing in the same ring with this "now-you-see-me-now-you-don't" character, this Willie-o'-the-Wisp? Has Sal Marchiano ever laid eyes on Billy Graham, who delighted as much in making the other fellow miss a punch as he did in landing one of his own?

If Sal had ever seen those two, his rave review of Trevor Evelyn is unwarranted. If he never saw Pep and Graham perform their magic, his knowledge of the boxing game is sorely limited. He must try, under these circumstances, to temper his effusiveness in the interest of accuracy. Otherwise, his motives may be impugned and the question may be fairly asked, "Is he broadcasting this fight or is he hyping it?"

"Good night, Sweet Prince!" is Marchiano's clever way of announcing a kayo. But he should take care in not overdoing it. When a boxer has had his face rearranged and is reduced to unconsciousness, it may not be the most propitious moment for a boxing announcer to brandish his wit.

Looking at the overall ESPN picture, Chet Simmons, who heads up the all-sports cable outlet, has boasted of being able to "sit down and write a check for any fight, no matter how much money is involved." However, he has eschewed the expenditure of mega-bucks in pursuit of title fights.

Despite being bankrolled by the Getty Oil millions, ESPN's boxing telecasts has focused almost exclusively on relatively unknown boxers dug up by Bob Arum's Top Rank talent scouts. Like the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) which displays their wares, these hopefuls are still in the "infancy" stage of their professional life.

Some will go on to achieve a modicum of success—a bantamweight named Johnny Carter and a lightheavy named Dwight Braxton should be heard from later—but most of them will be remembered, if at all, by fans wondering "whatever happened to Charlie What's-His-Name?"

Still, the Thursday night fights on ESPN are an attractive show, if only for the element of surprise which seems to pervade the proceedings. Commenting on one result which turned out differently than what had been anticipated, Marchiano hit the nail on the head when he observed, "Reputations don't win fights."

While camera coverage of the bouts is adequate, it is not on a par with the more established networks. There is also a certain lack of consistency on posting the scoring of the bout, as tallied by Marchiano and his guest analyst. A small technical matter, admittedly, but no less important if professional quality is the *sine qua non* of ESPN.

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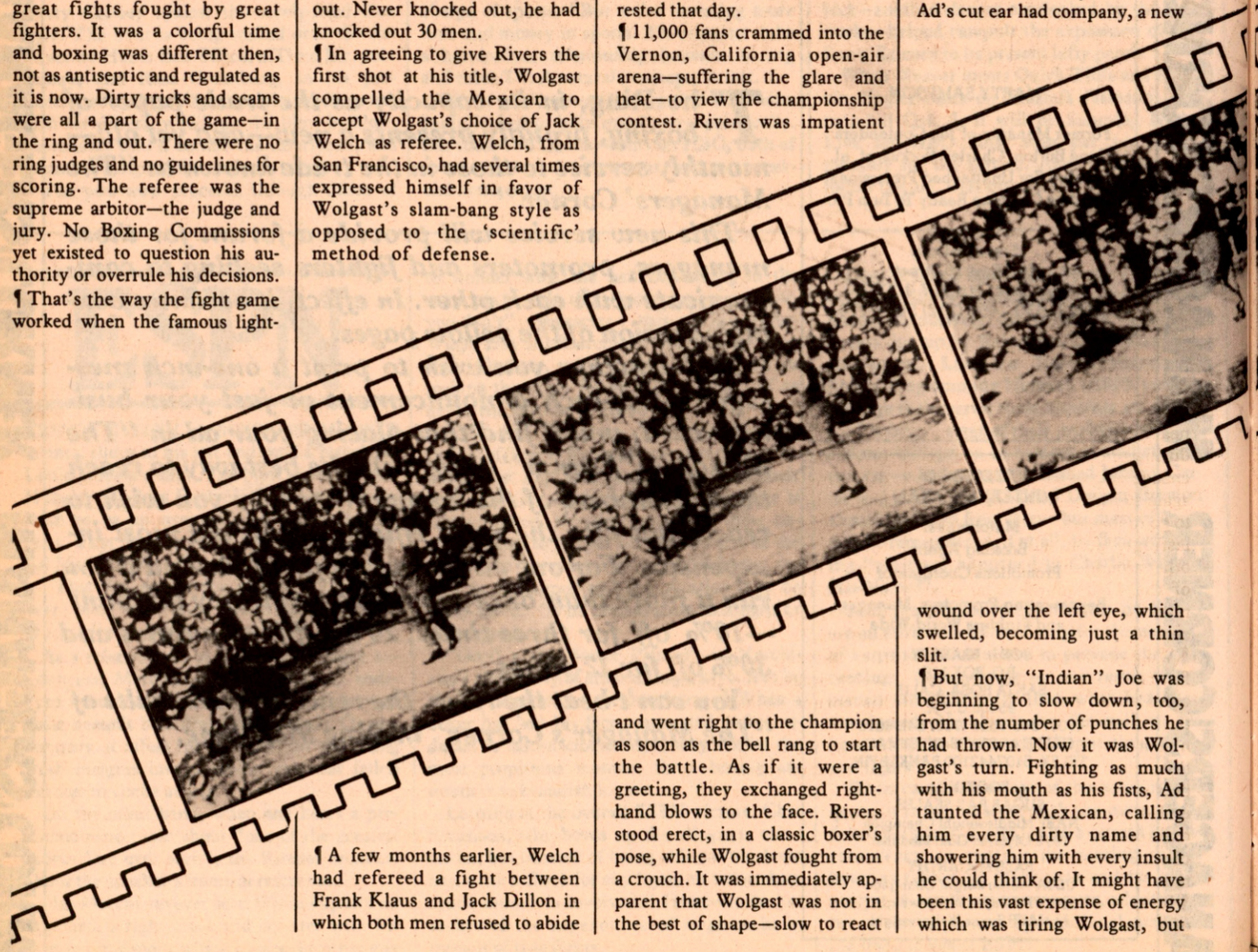
¶ That's the way the fight game worked when the famous lightweight championship battle took place between Ad Wolgast and "Indian" Joe Rivers on Independence Day, 1912. To this day, it remains a source of controversy for all boxing fans and historians alike.

¶ Rivers was trying to wrestle the title from Ad Wolgast, "The Michigan Wildcat", who had won it in 1910 in a 40-round blood-letting with the gotly-named Battling Nelson. Wolgast had lost only one time in 86 fights, and that in his third time out. Never knocked out, he had knocked out 30 men.

¶ In agreeing to give Rivers the first shot at his title, Wolgast compelled the Mexican to accept Wolgast's choice of Jack Welch as referee. Welch, from San Francisco, had several times expressed himself in favor of Wolgast's slam-bang style as opposed to the 'scientific' method of defense.



¶ A few months earlier, Welch had refereed a fight between Frank Klaus and Jack Dillon in which both men refused to abide by the rules and were repeatedly admonished by Welch. Lacking the courage to disqualify either man, he left the ring, refusing to participate further in the contest. The battle continued with both fighters resorting to dirtier tactics, if that were possible. When it was over, although he had removed himself from the contest, Welch returned to the ring and awarded the verdict to Klaus on points. It was in Jack Welch's hands that the history of the lightweight division rested that day.

¶ 11,000 fans crammed into the Vernon, California open-air arena—suffering the glare and heat—to view the championship contest. Rivers was impatient and went right to the champion as soon as the bell rang to start the battle. As if it were a greeting, they exchanged right-hand blows to the face. Rivers stood erect, in a classic boxer's pose, while Wolgast fought from a crouch. It was immediately apparent that Wolgast was not in the best of shape—slow to react and flat-footed. Perhaps he figured that his experience, together with his referee, would be enough for him to win.

¶ Wolgast's ear was cut in the second round and blood coated the Mexican's gloves as he pounded the champ from all angles. Wolgast spent most of his time swinging wildly while the challenger continued to reach the champion with his jab, connecting to the face and the heart. Wolgast began to slow down even more. By the fourth, Ad's cut ear had company, a new wound over the left eye, which swelled, becoming just a thin slit.

¶ But now, "Indian" Joe was beginning to slow down, too, from the number of punches he had thrown. Now it was Wolgast's turn. Fighting as much with his mouth as his fists, Ad taunted the Mexican, calling him every dirty name and showering him with every insult he could think of. It might have been this vast expense of energy which was tiring Wolgast, but whatever the cause, it was apparent to both the champion and his handlers that if he was going to win, he'd had better do it in a hurry. For "Tire" was also a four-letter word, and the most important one for Wolgast now.

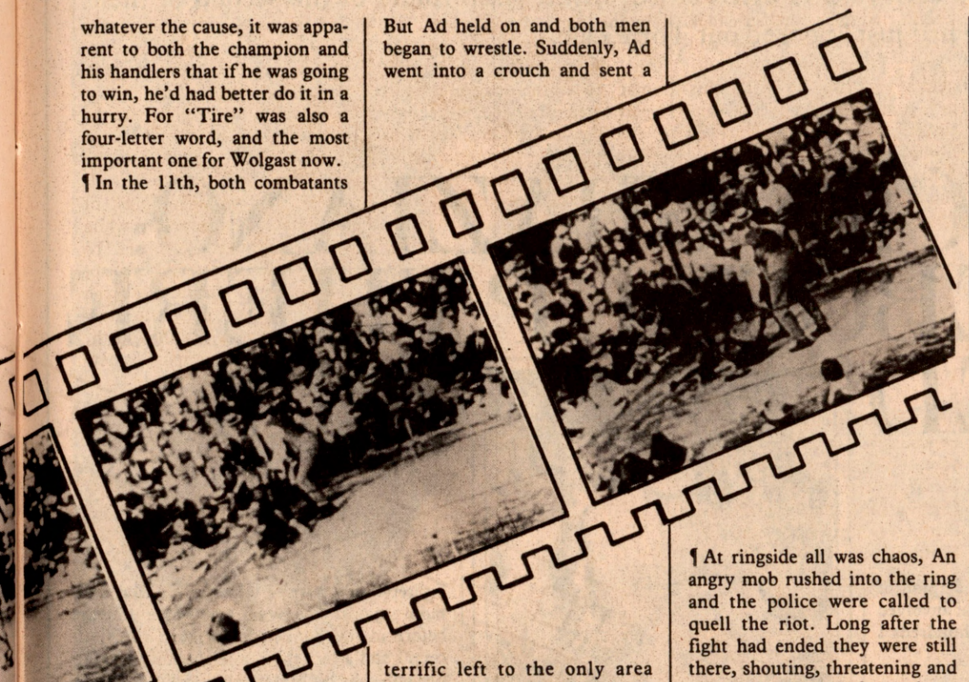
¶ In the 11th, both combatants nearly fell through the ropes during one extremely torrid exchange and as soon as they had again found their footing, began to go to it again. They kept everlastingly at it, slugging each other around the ring till the end of the 12th round. The next round is when Jack Welch took control.

¶ Wolgast, knowing that he was fast becoming a beaten man, decided not to answer the bell for the thirteenth round. His cornerman, Herman Stizel, threatened to bean him with a beer bottle if he didn't reconsider his decision. Ad must have realized that he stood a better chance against the "Indian" than Herman's bottle.

¶ Rivers rushed the by-now hulk of a champion who almost was. But Ad held on and both men began to wrestle. Suddenly, Ad went into a crouch and sent a terrific left to the only area visible to him, directly above River's groin. At that exact instant, Rivers let fly with a picture perfect left-right combination to Wolgast's jaw. Incredibly, both boxers fell with Rivers dropping first and Wolgast heaped on top of him.

¶ Screams of "Foul, Foul" filled the arena. Welch ignored the cries. The referee looked at first one and then the other downed fighter. He counted out the numbers, lifting Wolgast from the canvas. Ad drooped as Welch dragged the champion to his corner tucked under one arm. Through it all, the referee kept up his count. And when he had reached the fatal "ten", he lifted Ad Wolgast's arm in victory.

¶ Without waiting for the crowd's reaction, Welch bolted from the arena to a waiting car. It was weeks before he was heard from again.



¶ At ringside all was chaos, An angry mob rushed into the ring and the police were called to quell the riot. Long after the fight had ended they were still there, shouting, threatening and arguing among themselves. They had borne witness to what is perhaps the rarest incident in the history of boxing — A Double Knockout. But now, it seemed that no one could agree on exactly what they saw!

¶ Three weeks later, Welch surfaced again to tell his version of what happened:

¶ As he saw it, Wolgast's punch was the first to land—if only by a fraction of a second. Still, it was the first blow and, there being no rule or precedent governing such an occurence, he felt it necessary for one man to be the winner. Not only had Ad struck first, but he had gone down *last*. Welch saw it as his duty as the third man in the ring to help the champion up, and to his corner. Since River's was also unable to beat the count, there was only one thing for him to do: Declare Wolgast the winner and still champion.

¶ Al Harder, the official timekeeper, stated publicly that it was impossible for River's to have been counted out because the thirteenth round ended when Welch's count reached nine. Three doctors who examined Rivers after the battle agreed that Joe had indeed been fouled by a Wolgast low blow—Probably the one which had sent him to the canvas. The majority of sportswriters present also corroberated Rivers' version and supported his claim that he had been unjustly denied the title.

¶ Hector J. Streyckman, the man who edited the Keystone Comedies for Mack Sennet was at the fight with his boss and took film of all the action. He said his evidence supported Welch's decision because Rivers fouled Wolgast.

¶ "I rushed the negative to the laboatory and made a print which I showed in slow motion to the reporters. The action was clearly shown as Wolgast dug his fist three times into Rivers' *midsection*. Then, Rivers' knee was seen coming up in a convulsive action . . . Rivers was a fouled fighter. He should have been disqualified."

¶ By the time Ad's career had ended he had fought over 130 contests, every one of which was a hard and brutal battle. He scored 38 knockouts, losing only nine and, so the records indicate, was never down for the count. He lost his memory in 1920 and was confined to a sanatorium.

¶ "Indian" Joe Rivers made $250,000 in the ring, but lost most of it to bad living and worse investments. When Wolgast was placed in confinement, his most frequent visitor was "Indian" Joe. An incredible O. Henry ending to an even more incredible fight.

JIMMY JACOBS

HEY, MA—your bad boy done it. I told you Somebody up there likes me. [Rocky Graziano, July 16, 1947] He said it into a radio microphone that had been thrust in front of his face in the ring in the Chicago Stadium. It was 120 degrees under the ring lights, and his hair hung in black streaks, soaked by his own sweat and the water they had sloshed over him between rounds. His right eye was a slit, and over his left eye there was a dark cake of dried blood. In the sixth round of the second of their three vicious fights, he had just knocked out Tony Zale.

ROCKY GRAZIANO: SOMEBODY UP THERE LIKED HIM

BY W.C. HEINZ

Now he was the middleweight champion of the world, and it was an event that involved me as did none other among the hundreds I covered in sports.

"You're a tough man to get hold of," I was saying now on the phone.

"Yeah, yeah," he was saying. "I get up early, and then I'm out."

"I know," I said.

I had been calling the apartment in New York for days. Several times I had talked with his wife, Norma.

"He's gone again, Bill," she would say.

"When will he be in?"

"Who knows?" she would say.

"Listen," I was saying to him now. "I'll be in New York on Friday, and I want to see you at your place about eleven in the morning."

"Yeah, yeah," he said. "Good."

"Now, I'm dragging all the way in just to see you," I said, "so you be there."

"Yeah, yeah," he said "I'll be here, and I'll tell you anything you want to know. You always wrote good about me, Billy. You know?"

"Yes," I said. "I know."

A reporter has an obligation to objectivity, and although we had a racing handicapper who operated as a bookmaker right in the sports department of my paper, I never bet on a horse race, a ball game or a fight. In every reporter, however, the struggle against subjectivity goes on, and coming up to that second Graziano-Zale fight, I lost that struggle.

It was the night before the fight, and we had been sitting around the living room on the hotel suite in Chicago for an hour or more, listening to a Cubs' game on the radio. Rocky was lolling in an arm chair, and there were a couple of sparring partners on the sofa. Irving Cohen, who managed him, and Whitey Bimstein, who trained him, had been sitting with a card table between them, counting through batches of tickets, and I saw Whitey look at his watch. I looked at my own, and it was ten o'clock. In twenty-four hours, the fighter would have to climb into a ring once more against the man who—nine months before in the Yankee Stadium, in the sixth round and after taking a frightening beating himself—had hit him a right hand in the body and a left hook on the chin to knock him out and end what those who had been around long enough called the greatest fight since Dempsey-Firpo.

"All right," Whitey said. "You better get up to bed now, Rock. I'ts time you were in."

He got up from the chair and stretched and started out the door. Whitey motioned over his shoulder with his head and I followed them out. Nothing had been said about it, but I knew now why Irving Cohen had asked me to come over to the hotel and why, now, I was a part of this night before this fight.

It had started five months before. In New York they had revoked his license for failing to report the offer of a bribe he had not accepted for a fight that had never been held. There were those of us who had gone to the hearings of the New York State Athletic Commission and who were certain that we could see through this to the politics behind it, and we had been appalled that such a thing could happen in this country.

An uptown Manhattan politician named Joseph Scottorigio had been murdered. Who

Hangers-on. Sonny Horn hugged Rocky, but "The Rock" held on to win.

killed Scottorigio? It is a question that still hasn't been answered, and for weeks the New York papers played it up big. For weeks it confounded and plagued the Manhattan police and the District Attorney's office, until they came up with this prize fighter and the bribe offer he had ignored, and Rocky Graziano chased Joseph Scottorigio off the front pages.

As I covered the hearings, what I wrote for the front page was what transpired. What I wrote for my piece a on the sports page each day was what I had come to know about this former Lower East Side hoodlum who, it turned out, had been in and out of reform school, jail, and prison, and who had found in boxing a way to make a legitimate living.

I knew it was a tough row to hoe in this garden where I was trying to plant my small seeds of reason. The paper was conservative, resolutely Republican. In my time it had opposed Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Fiorello LaGuardia. It stood firm against Harry Truman, organized labor and any social legislation that, it seemed to me, wasn't current during the administration of Calvin Coolidge. I could never have written politics for it, but it had given me my start and I felt an abiding filial affection for it, and I could write sports.

Two days before a scheduled fight with Cowboy Reuben Shank in Madison Square Garden, Graziano had pulled out, complaining of a bad back. It was the contention of the District Attorney that the problem was not with the fighter's back but with an offer of $100,000 that had been made to him by an unidentified party in Stillman's Gym to take a dive for Shank and which he had failed to report. Graziano admitted that someone had come up to him with an offer that he thought was a gag, and that was the D.A's case.

To anyone familiar with boxing, the proposition was absurd. Cowboy Reuben Shank was a journeyman middleweight whose best move against Graziano would have been to take the next train out of town and back to Keensburg, Colorado. Any syndicate trying to place enough money on Shank to profit from a $100,000 payoff would have signaled that a fix was in and driven the fight off the books.

I wrote that and I wrote that you had to know Graziano and you had to know Stillman's Gym to understand how he had looked upon the offer. He was the most exciting fighter, to those who had seen them both wrote, since Stanley Ketchel, and Ketchel had been dead by then for thirty-seven years or since, as John Lardner put it, "he was fatally shot in the back by the commonlaw husband of the lady who was cooking his breakfast."

When Graziano fought, you could breathe the tension. When he fought in the Garden, you could feel it over on Broadway, and the night he fought Zale for the first time you could sense it two hours before the fight between the cars jammed along Grand Concourse, half a mile from Yankee Stadium. When he trained at Stillman's he packed the place to the walls. They would be stacked on the stairway to the balcony, and they would be packed on the balcony, too.

"I'll be glad when that Graziano stops fighting," a fight manager said to me there one day. "It's gettin' so you can't even move in here."

His dressing room would be mobbed, too, with enough characters to cast three road companies of *Dead End.* There was one there, a little guy named Barney, who always wore a dirty cap, the peak to one side, and who played the harmonica. He played it, not by blowing on it with his mouth, but through his nostrils.

"Ain't he a good musician?" Graziano would say, sitting back and listening. "Did you ever see anybody do that before? I'd like to get this poor guy a job."

This minstrel had three numbers in his repertoire—"Darktown Strutters' Ball," "Beer Barrel Polka," and "Bugle Call Rag." While he was playing "Bugle Call Rag," blowing on that harmonica through his nostrils, he would salute with his left hand.

"Ain't that great?" Graziano would say. "Why can't I get this guy a job?"

The virtuoso seemed satisfied because Graziano was staking him. He staked a lot of them. One day I saw him give the shirt he was wearing to some hapless hanger-on. The Christmas of the first year that he had made any real money he bought a six-year-old Cadillac and loaded it with $1,500 worth of toys. He drove it down to his old East Side neighborhood, and handed out the toys to the kids and another $1,500 to their parents. He never mentioned it, but it came out because a trainer at Stillman's who lived in the neighborhood had seen it.

"Look, Rocky," Irving Cohen said to him, "it's nice to do things like that, but you haven't got that kind of money, and you've got to save money. You won't be fighting forever."

"Sure, Irving," Graziano said, "but those are poor people. They're good people. They never done no wrong. They never hurt nobody. They just never got a break."

One day in Stillman's he walked up to Irving. He asked him how much money he was carrying.

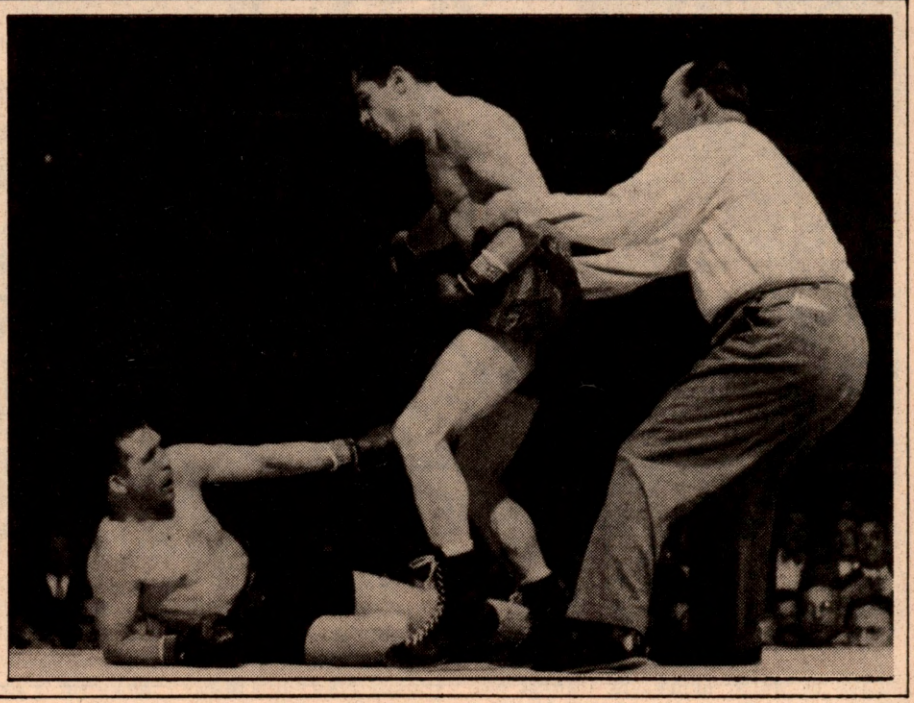
"I've got fifty bucks," Irving said.

"Give it to me," Graziano said, "and hustle up another fifty for me."

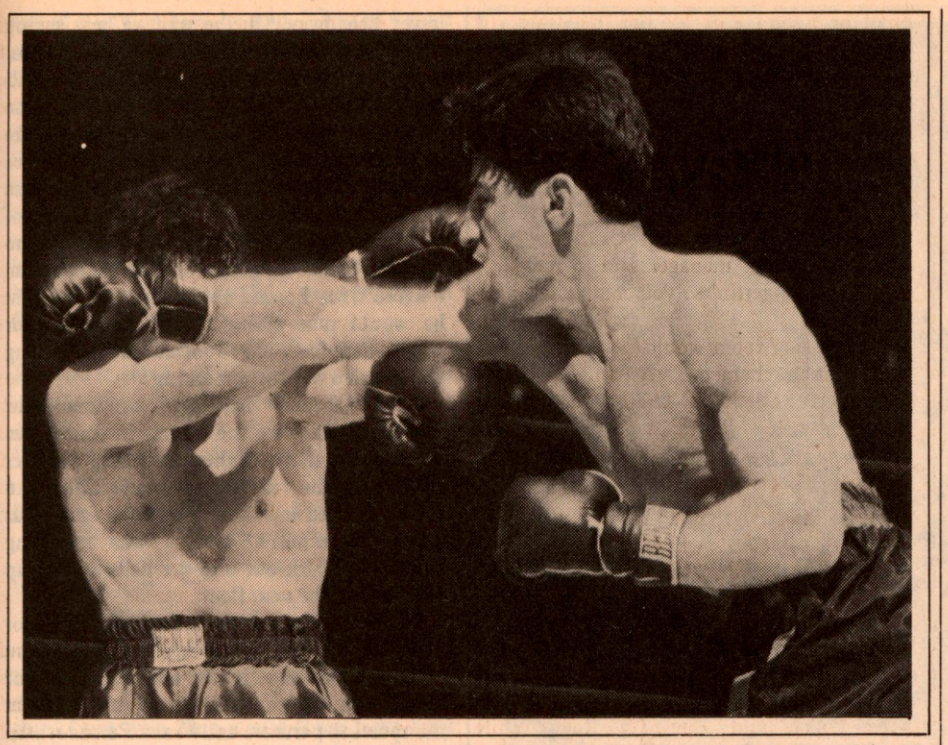
Irving circulated and borrowed fifty and gave it to him. As you came into Stillman's there were rows of chairs facing the ring, and in one of the chairs was a former fighter, still young but blind. When Graziano sat down beside him and started to talk to him, Irving sidled up behind them, and he saw Graziano lean over and slip the folded bills into the breast pocket of the other's jacket.

"There's something in your pocket," Graziano said, and he got up.

I wrote that and more, weighing it all against the absurdity of the charges, and I wondered how long I would be permitted that



Ref Benny Leonard holds back the Rock from rolling over Freddie Cochrane.



Graziano covers-up. Rocky lost twice to Harold Green by decision in 1944.

freedom. After all, how long could a paper, patterned to please stockbrokers, corporate executives, and the ad agencies and their clients that sustained it, afford to speak for a prize fighter, an ex-convict with a fifth-grade education, against the office of the District Attorney and the undoubted integrity of Colonel Edward P. F. Eagan, Yale graduate, former Rhodes Scholar, lawyer and chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission?

Late one afternoon I found out. When I checked my mail cubicle in the sports department, there was a typed note there from Wilbur Wood.

"Mr. Speed," the note read, and Keats Speed was the managing editor, "suggests that you write no more opinion pieces on Gaziano. WW."

I wrote one more. I knew that neither Wilbur nor Speed came in early enough mornings to check the copy going into the first edition that went to press at 10 A.M. After the first edition, the piece was yanked.

"Didn't you get my note?" Wilbur said, when I saw him in the office later that day.

"Gee, Wilbur, I didn't," I said. "I was in a hurry to write my piece and catch my train to Connecticut, and I didn't check my mail until this morning."

"Well, that's the end of it," he said. "No more pro-Graziano pieces. That's an order."

"Whatever you say," I said.

It isn't just what I say," he said, "It's what Speed says and what a lot of other people on this paper are saying."

"You're the boss, Wilbur," I said.

The afternoon that Eagan announced that Rocky Graziano was banned, ostensibly for life, from boxing in New York State. I covered that. In that crowded hearing room, I watched the fighter, who had seemed to have finally found his way in this world, drop his head into his hands, his elbows on the table as he sat there across from Eagan, and I rushed back to the paper and wrote the piece that ran under the eight-column headline that bannered page one.

"Listen," Wilbur Wood said to me, coming back from the city room after the edition had closed. "The city desk wants you to get ahold of Graziano and find out how he's taking this. You're his good friend, so he'll talk to you, and it should make a good piece for tomorrow."

"Sure, Wilbur," I said, thinking that yes, I am his good friend and now you want me to play that friendship you all found so embarrassing. But it is a good piece if I can find him.

With Irving Cohen and Jack Healy, who was another of his managers, I found him. In the fighter's new buff and light blue Cadillac, with "Rocky" on the doors, with Healy at the wheel and Irving beside him, we drove into the Lower East Side. It was early February, and darkness had come by now and there was a mist in the air. At Cooper Square, Healy turned under the El and drove down a side street and parked across from a Chinese laundry on the first floor of an old tenement. Some kids had a bonfire going in the street, piling crates on it, and Healy got out and walked across the street and into the building.

In about ten minutes he came out and Graziano was with him. As they crossed the street toward the car, the wavering light from the bonfire played on them, and then they were silhouetted by the lights of a car turning around in the block.

"Hey, Rocky!" I heard the driver of the car shout, leaning out. "You're still all right!"

Graziano turned around on the wet street and waved his hand, and then he came over to the car and he opened the front door. His face was drawn and his eyes small and Irving Cohen moved over to make room for him on the front seat.

"I been sleepin'," he said. "For three hours I slept at my friend's place."

He started to slide into the front seat. Then he saw me sitting in the back.

"Oh," he said. "Hello."

"Hello Rocky," I said. "I'm sorry to bother you at a time like this."

"That's all right," he said. "It's a job. I understand."

He was in the car now and he shut the door. Healy got in and drove to the end of the street and started uptown.

"I don't want to pester you, Rocky," I said, "but I have to ask you a couple of questions."

"That's all right," he said. "I understand."

"Were you nervous going in to hear the verdict today?"

"No," he said. "I wasn't nervous. Not nervous."

"How is that?"

"Well, I figured," he said, "I figured that the guy, that Eagan, would say, 'Dismissed.' You know. 'This case dismissed.' "

"But you could tell in the hearings, Rocky," I said, "that they were going to throw the book at you. I mean you could sense it as Eagan began to describe the findings."

"I know," Graziano said, "but I kept on thinkin' the sonofabitch was gonna say, 'But because of the contributions Graziano has made to boxing.' I figured the bastard was gonna say something like that."

"And then what?"

"So, I'll go now, Rock," I said.

"Okay," he said.

"You have to lick this guy, Rock," I said, and I was standing by the bed, looking down at him. "If you ever had to win a fight, you have to win this one."

"I know," he said, nodding.

"I despise them for what they did to you." I said, "and you hate them, and there's only one way you can get even. If you lose tomorrow night, you're done, not only in New York but everywhere. You have to win, Rock."

"I know," he said.

"You have to stick to it," I said. "You have to win the title, because when you win the title it's yours, and they can't take it away from you outside the ring. You win it and they need it, and as I told you in the car that

night, they'll come crawling back, begging you on their hands and knees."

"I know," he said, lying there in that bed and looking up right at me. "If I have to, I'll die in there, tryin'."

We shook hands and he snapped off the light over the bed and I left. I took an elevator down and went out and called a cab, and riding back to my hotel and thinking about it I was embarrassed. They come no more decent than Tony Zale and no tougher than he was inside the ropes, and what was I doing telling someone he would have to take those brutal shots in the belly and to the head while I would just sit there at ringside, looking up into the brutality?

They drew $422,918 for an indoor record and they had them packed to the walls again and up to the rafters. Suddenly, the hot, humid, sweat-smelling air was stilled of sound and then Al Melgard at the Stadium organ started "The Sidewalks of New York," and a roar went up in the back and down the aisle he came. He had the white satin, green-trimmed robe over his shoulders, and Whitey and Irving and Frank Percoco were behind him. The roar, and then the booing, was all over the place now, and Whitey was rubbing his back as they came. Then, two steps from the stairs, he broke from Whitey and took the three steps in one leap and vaulted through the ropes, throwing his arms out into the roar and the boos so the robe slid off.

"Yes," I said to myself, "he'll stick it all right."

He stuck it, and there were times when it looked as if he would have to die doing it. Under his right eye the flesh had swelled so tight that it shut the eye, and when Zale cut the left eye, the blood flowed into it so that he was stumbling around almost blind and seeing only through a red haze. Snarling, he motioned Zale to come in, and Zale threw all of his big stuff at him and he took it all. There were times in the third round when I said to myself that if this were just a fight, and not bigger than a fight, he would go down. I said to myself that he couldn't win it. And then an odd thing happened.

Between the fourth and fifth rounds, Frank Percoco took a quarter—two bits—and pressing with it between his fingers, he broke the skin of the swelling under the right eye. When the blood came out the swelling came down enough for the fighter to see. In the sixth round, with Zale helpless on the ropes, Graziano, in that frenzy that made him what only he and Dempsey and, I guess, Ketchel, were, was hitting him wherever he could find a place to hit him, and the referee stopped it.

"Well," I said to him, "the world is a big place, and how does it feel to be the middleweight champion of it?"

And then it all came out, all of the expletives, all of the vulgarities. The close air in the car was filled with the obscene oaths and

The "Fix Fiasco" forced Rocky to testify to the Grand Jury. Manager Cohen (left) and attorney Max Epstein kept him company.

the unprintable invectives. He was throwing them wildly, the way he threw punches in the ring where he had found a way to fight back against all the hurts he had invited and that society had inflicted upon him. Now, cornered and wounded again, he was seeing society as his enemy again, personified by Eagan.

"I'll kill the bastard," he was saying. "I'll get a gun. I'll kill the sonofabitch. The sonofabitch should be dead. I'll . . ."

"For Christ sake, Rock!" Healy was saying, and he had slowed the car and he had turned toward him.

"Please, Rocky!" Irving Cohen was saying. "Don't even talk like that!"

"I'll kill him," he was saying.

"Come on now, Rocky," I was saying, and I was leaning forward and I had my hands on his shoulders as he sat there between Healy and Irving. "For God's sake, stop that. You listen to me."

"You listen to Bill, Rocky," Irving was saying. "You listen to Bill. Bill knows."

What did I know? I told him it wasn't the end of his world. I told him that he could fight Zale again, maybe in New Jersey or maybe in Illinois, and that this time he would lick him. When he did, he would be the middleweight champion of the world, and public opinion would turn then on Eagan, and then he would get his license back.

We were at Union Square by now, and Healy turned the car around and drove south again and they dropped me off at my paper on lower Broadway. On the way we kept saying the same things to him over and over again, and when I wrote my piece, of course I left all of that out. They were just words, but some of those he had known had gone to the electric chair and others he had run with were in Sing Sing doing twenty-to-life, and his whole future was balanced on that pinnacle of public opinion. If I wrote that, there was no way he would ever get his license back, and so I wrote what I could about his hurt and that he would take his wife and Audrey, their small daughter, to Florida while Irving Cohen tried to plan something.

So the second Zale fight was made for Chicago, and I saw the fighter in training in the East and then out there. Nothing was ever said about the ride from Cooper Square to Union Square and then downtown again, but now, five months later, I was following Whitey and him out into the hallway and up the stairs to the next floor.

They had two rooms there, with the door open between them. In one there were two beds, one for the fighter and the other for Whitey. In the other there were three cots for the sparring partners and Frank Percoco, who would work in the fighter's corner with Irving and Whitey.

"You better try these trunks on," Whitey said.

The fighter undressed. He had been training for two months and he was in great shape, and Whitey handed him the trunks, black with red stripes, first one pair and then the other, and he tried them on, squatting down and then standing up.

"The first ones are too tight," he said, handing the second pair back to Whitey. "These are best."

He got into one of the beds then, and he pulled the covers up to his naked chest. He had put two pillows together under his head, so he was half sitting up, and Whitey looked at me and I looked at him, and he walked into the other room.

In that basement of the Chicago Stadium he was standing, naked once more, in the shower stall off the dressing room, his right eye shut again, a metal clip holding the other cut closed. Only a fireman in uniform was with us, guarding the door that Whitey had opened just long enough for me to get in.

"I don't know," he said. He had closed down the flow of the shower so that it barely dripped on him. Cut and bruised and hurt, and leaning back and resting one arm on the shower handles, he was trying to think and to talk. "I don't know. I mean . . . I mean as a kid . . . I mean I was no good. I mean nobody ever . . . you know what I mean?"

"I know what you mean, Rocky," the fireman said suddenly. "You're giving a talk on democracy."

"I mean, I never . . .," the fighter said to me, and then he turned to the fireman and,

sort of studying him, he said, "You're a good guy. You're all right. You know what I mean?"

The next day it started in the Chicago papers, as I had told him it would, and it was the same in the New York papers when I got back two days later. Nothing had changed, really, neither the fighter nor the charges against him by those who had called him a lair and a hoodlum. But now those who had been crying out against him were crying out for him as a citizen wronged.

"Well," Wilbur Wood said, a smile on his face and sticking out his hand, when I walked into the office, "we had it all the way."

"All the way?" I said, shaking hands. "What did we have all the way?"

"Graziano," he said, still smiling. "Haven't you seen the other papers?"

"Yes," I said. "I've seen them."

"We had him all the way," Wilbur said. "All the way."

"Good, Wilbur," I said. "I'm real glad."

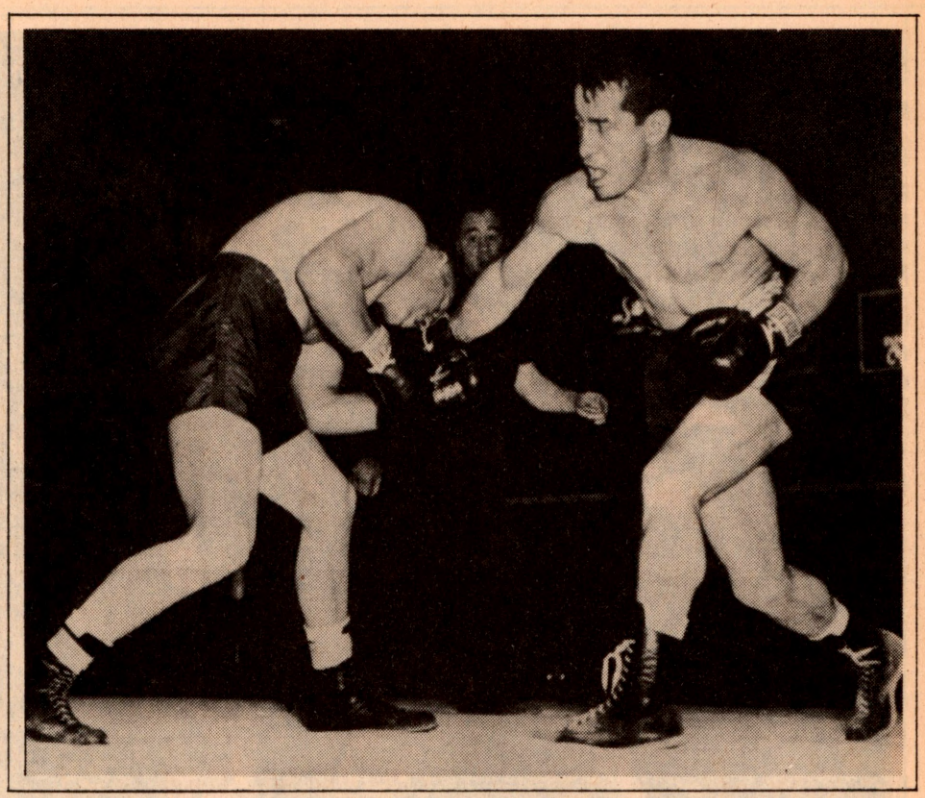
My gladness was to be short-lived. Just when, it seemed, the pressure of that public opinion and the promise of a big gate for this third fight with Zale would force New York State to restore his license, someone got it out of the War Department that he had gone AWOL from the Army in 1943, had spent nine months in Leavenworth, and had a dishonorable discharge. In this game these misguided patriots were playing with the life of a hounded and tortured human being who had served his time and was trying to make an honest living. He was now back to Square One.

"How did you mess up like that?" I asked him.

"This captain," he said, "he come out from behind his desk. He said, 'You think you're so tough?" He started to take his coat off, like this. What was I supposed to do? I belted him—pow!—and flattened him, and I took off."

And I had misled him. Bending over that bed in that hotel room in Chicago that night, I had told him that once he won the title, they could never take it from him outside the ring but, of course, they did. Because Abe J. Green, the head of the National Boxing Association, refused to be cowed by them and stood up for him, they let him defend that title againt Zale in the ball park in Newark, New Jersey, and they paid him for it, but he was no fighter then. The things they had done to him had taken out of him that which had made him the fighter he had been, and Zale knocked him out in the third round.

Trying to bring him back, Irving Cohen signed him for a fight in Oakland, California, with Fred Apostoli who, nine years before, had been middleweight champion. Ten days before the scheduled date, riding the train into town, I was checking the sports pages in the morning papers, when I saw the story out of Oakland. Rocky Graziano had disappeared, and Jimmy Murray, the promoter, was threatening to sue him and Irving Cohen. At the paper I tried to write whatever piece I had in mind, but I gave up and called Cohen at his office.



Sonny Horne bumped into a Rock and lost by unanimous decision.

"Where's the fighter?" I said.

"We don't know," he said.

"What are you going to do?"

"I don't know," he said.

"Listen, Irving," I said. "You've got to do something. You know his whole future depends on this. You've got to square this, and you've got to do something right now."

"But I don't know what to do," he said.

"Stay right where you are," I said. "I'll be up there in a half hour."

He had a small office in the Brill Building on Broadway. When I got there it was noon, and I found him with Teddy Brenner, who was making matches for a small club then and later headed boxing at Madison Square Garden.

"Have you found him?" I said to Irving.

"No," he said. "We don't know where he is. We don't know what to do."

"I'll tell you what to do," I said. "Call Terry Young and Lulu and Bozo Costantino and Al Pennino and anybody else you can think of from the old neighborhood. Tell them to form a posse and go out and find him, because he'll be hiding out somewhere in one of his old haunts. Tell them to have him call you, or come up here."

The four I had named were lightweight fighers of the time. Terry Young had brought Graziano, while he was running from the Army, to Irving, and we waited while Irving made some phone calls.

"They'll look for him," Irving said when he came off the phone, "but I don't know."

"Now call the Capitol Hotel," I said, "and reserve a suite for five o'clock. Then tell the Garden to call the news services and all the papers, and tell them that Rocky Graziano will hold a press conference at the Capitol at six o'clock."

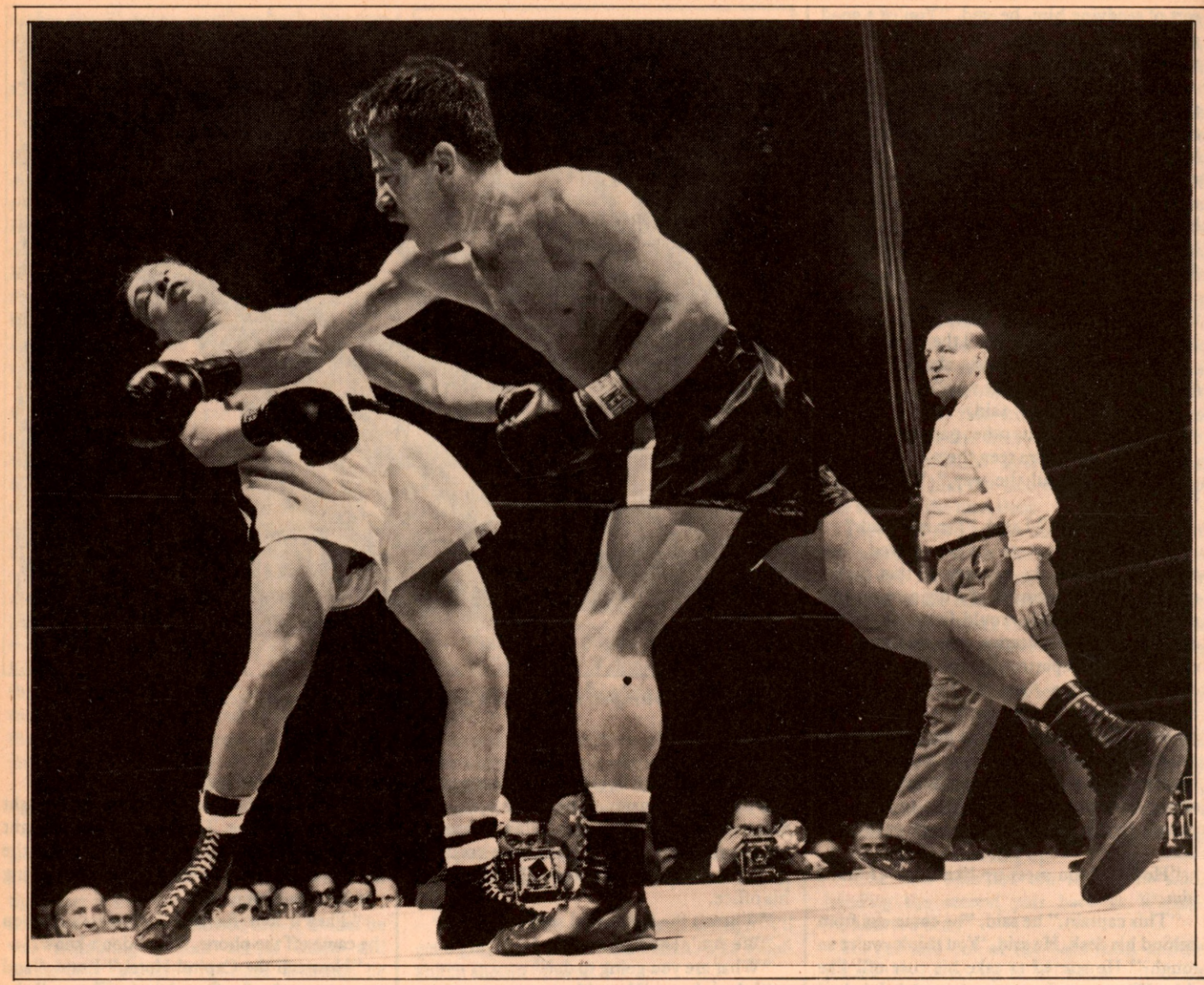
"But what if we don't find him?" Irving said.

"Please, Irving," I said, "don't worry about that now. We've got almost six hours, and if he doesn't show, you will."

I went out and had a sandwich, and then I walked over to the boxing office at the Garden to be sure they had made the calls to the sports desks of papers and the news services. It was about three o'clock when I got back to Irving Cohen's office, and we sat around there for another hour, waiting for the phone to ring.

"What do we do now?" Irving said.

"Well, we sit and hope," I said. "We've still got two hours, but if he doesn't show, you will. You know, as well or better than I, that he's not equipped to fight now, and you'll tell them that. You'll say that if he had



Tony Janiro was rocked by this right but still managed to draw with Graziano.

hurt his hand or had some other injury, a physical examination would reveal that, and the fight would be postponed. The hurt that has been done him outside the ring, however, doesn't show up in an exam, but it has left him so emotionally and mentally disturbed that he is now as ill-equipped to fight as if he had a physical ailment. You'll say it wouldn't be fair to those who'd pay the money to see him fight Apostoli or anyone else right now. You'll say that, and you'll say you'll make whatever amends you have to make to Jimmy Murray for whatever expenses he's had setting up and promoting the fight."

"That's right," Irving said. "We will."

"Good," I said.

"But I don't think I can say all that," Irving said.

"Of course you can," I said.

"No," Irving said, shaking his head. "That's the truth. He's in no condition to fight, but I'll never be able to say it, to explain it like that. I won't get it right."

"All right," I said. "I'll write it out for you."

I sat down at a typewriter there, and I wrote five or six paragraphs and I handed the two pages to him. He read them and folded them and put them in his pocket, and at about five o'clock the phone rang, and Irving picked it up.

"Good!" I heard him say. "Where is he?" Good. Now listen. Tell him to be at the Capitol Hotel by six o'clock. We have a suite there in my name. Tell him it's a press conference. Tell him to be sure to be there at six o'clock. You have that? At the Capitol Hotel, across from the Garden, at six o'clock. Good."

He put the phone back on the cradle and he looked up, smiling.

"They found him," he said. "They're going to tell him to be sure to be there. Now I just hope he shows up."

Yes, I was thinking, and he may not. With all he has gone through, and all he has taken, he may just decide that it is hopeless, and go over the hill again.

At 5:30 Irving Cohen left for the Capitol, and just before six o'clock Teddy Brenner and I followed. The suite was at the end of the floor, and they were all there waiting. At 6:30, we were still waiting.

"Come on now, Irving," one of them said, finally. "What's going on? Where the hell is he?"

He's on his way, I'm sure he'll be here."

"But when?" somebody else said. "You call us all in here and there's no fighter. We've got deadlines to meet, and we can't sit around here all night. What are we supposed to do now?"

"Well," Irving said, "I've got a statement

here, if you'd like me to read it."

"Hell, yes," somebody else said. "Read it. At least give us something."

He took the pages out of his pocket and unfolded them and started to read. Jack Hand of the Associated Press and I were half sitting together on the radiator cover, like all the others taking notes, and he knew how close I was to the fighter and he nudged me.

"Did you write this?" he said.

"Hell no," I said, going on with my notetaking. "I'm a stranger to it too."

"It sure sounds like you," he said.

When Irving finished they started the questions. We were clustered around Irving and the door of the hall was still open, and then I heard someone say it:

"Here he comes now."

He came through the door and into the suite. He had on a beautiful camel's hair polo coat, but there was a growth of several days beard on his face and under the coat he wore an old wollen shirt and dirty slacks and there were heavy road work shoes on his feet.

"I'm with my friends," he said.

Only some of them were his friends, but he had stopped just inside the door, and now he held both hands out. You could hear every breath in the room.

"What happened, Rocky?" one of them said. "What's the matter?"

"It's like I got a scar on my face," he said, staring through them and bringing his right hand up to his cheek. "Why don't they leave me alone, or put me in jail?"

He always spoke from where he lived, and that did it. It did it in the papers the next day. *Collier's* picked it up from the papers and ran two autobiographical pieces, and the following September, his New York license was restored. He fought Charley Fusari in the Polo Grounds and stopped him in the tenth round while I—doing a magazine piece about what it is like to be a fighter's wife—walked the streets of Brooklyn with Norma, her mother, and a friend of theirs. On the night he fought, she could not bear to stay in the house.

They live now in a yellow-brick high-rise apartment house on the southeast corner of Fifty-seventh Street and Second Avenue in what, with the construction that went up there right after World War II, became one of the more fashionable sections of the city. Under the canopy a slim, rather tall woman of late middle years, precise and imperious in a light tan and brown pants suit and wearing a wide-brimmed, buff take-off—maybe by Don Kline or Adolpho—of a man's fedora, was standing. At her feet were three pieces of matched tan luggage, and the uniformed doorman was walking the street toward the corner, blowing his whistle and waving his right arm and trying to flag down a cab.

I watched him, when he had finally got one, trot along beside the cab to the canopy and then help the cabbie load the luggage into the trunk. Then he ushered the woman into the back seat and shut the door, and I followed him into the lobby.

"Rocky Graziano," I said, and I gave him my name. He picked up the phone and talked into it and turned back to me.

"You can go right up," he said. "It's 16-G, like Graziano."

Not B, like in Barbella, I was thinking, walking to the elevator. He was born Rocco Barbella, one of seven children, three of whom died in infancy, of an alcoholic, often unemployed father and a mentally and emotionally disturbed mother who was in and out of institutions. While he was running from the Army, he took the name of one of those he used to run with in the streets.

"Whatever became of the original Graziano?" I had asked him the last time I had seen him, some dozen years before now.

"In the can," he said, "doing twenty to thirty. he was like a three-time loser. You know?"

I knew that while he was fighting, Irving Cohen had made him buy annuities, and that, beyond that, he himself had been doing very well. I would catch him occasionally on TV with Martha Raye, once with Cesar Romero and Margaret Truman. His autobiography, *Somebody Up There Likes Me,* had headed the bestseller lists, and off it they had made the movie starring Paul Newman, who caught the sullen moods but not the exuberance that made the fighter exciting just walking down the street.

"I just made The Big One," he told me that day.

"The Big One?" I said. "What's that."

"A million bucks."

"You're worth a million?" I said.

"Yeah," he said. "My accountant just told me. How about that?"

When I got off the elevator now he was standing there in a black knitted, short-sleeved sports shirt, gray slacks, and black loafers. The lines in his face were deeper, the full head of hair was still black but graying at the temples. We shook hands, smiling at each other and voicing greetings. He led me down the hall to the apartment where, when he opened the door and let me in, a dog, light-brown and knee-high, came toward me, its head going and sniffing at me and blocking my way.

"He won't hurt you," he said, "He's a Lab."

"Lab's don't hurt you?" I said, the dog still sniffing at me.

"Yeah," he said "C'mere, Plumber! The guy who give him to me is in the plumbing business, so I named him Plumber."

He led me through the small foyer and into the living room. Sunlight was coming through sliding glass doors that open onto a terrace, and he motioned me toward the sofa with a coffee table in front of it. As he sat down in a chair across the table from me, we could hear a metallic rattling coming from beyond the dining area in what I presumed to be the kitchen.

"Excuse me," he said, getting up. "It's Plumber. He wants me to give him some water."

He got up, and I could hear him filling the pan. As he came back and sat down I could hear the dog lapping the water.

"Every morning," he said, "he gets me up six o'clock, six-thirty. He wants me to take him out, so I take him out. I go to sleep early, like nine, ten o'clock. You want a beer?"

"No," I said, "but thanks."

"I don't eat," he said "but I'm drinkin' twenty beers a day. "No pasta, no bread, no candy, no ice cream, but I'm drinkin' beer."

"You look good" I said. "I've talked with Norma on the phone. How is she?"

"My Jew?" he said. "Good. She's fine."

"You were lucky," I said. "You married a Jew and you had a Jewish manager, and they made you save your money."

"You're right," he said. "That's right, my wife and my manager."

"How are the girls?" I said.

Audrey must have been about three when he fought Zale in Chicago. She was in a crib in one of the bedrooms of the hotel suite there, and after the fight the noise of the celebration in the sitting room awakened her and she began to cry. When he went to her and bent over the crib, she looked up at the face with the swelling around one eye and the bandage above the other.

"Daddy, what happened?" she said.

"You see what I mean now?" he said. "Stay out of the gutter."

"Audrey's good," he said now. "Her husband manufacturers watches, and they got a boy two and a half named Aaron—Aaron Weissman—and they live downstairs. Roxie's husband manufactures cloth in the garment center, and they got a boy, Allen, about ten."

The dog was at the door now, barking.

"Plumber!" he said, and then to me, "Somebody must be in the hallway. He'll stop in a minute, but you got to see this."

He got up and walked toward the glass doors. On the floor, to one side, was a bronze statuette of a boxer, poised to throw a straight right hand.

"It looks like a Joe Brown," I said, kneeling to examine it. "I don't mean the ex-lightweight champ, but the sculptor in residence at Princeton University."

"You got to write this," he said. "Muhammad Ali. They give him this, the Garden did, for somethin'. He said, 'I ain't gonna take it. That's a white man.' "

"It is," I said.

"So he don't take it, and I'm at the Garden and Teddy Brenner tells me the story and I said, 'I'll take it.' I took the plaque off, but it's a guy gettin' ready to throw a right hand,

and I used to throw a right hand."

"I'll say you did," I said.

That right hand and the anger he put into it against all those opponents who, to him, personified the society against which he was making his fight made him the fighter he was. He had put it in words in his dressing room in the Chicago Stadium after he had knocked out Zale, and he was still unwinding and they had him in a corner, their pencils and papers out and making notes.

"I wanted to kill him," he said. "I got nothin' against him. He's a nice guy. I like him, but I wanted to kill him."

Sixteen months before, he had fought Marty Servo in the Garden. Servo had just knocked out Freddy "Red" Cochrane to win the welterweight title, but this was over the weight, and now in the second round Servo had already been down twice and Graziano had him against the ropes. With his open left glove under Servo's chin he was holding Servo's head up, and with his right he was clubbing him again and again until Servo went down the third time and they stopped it.

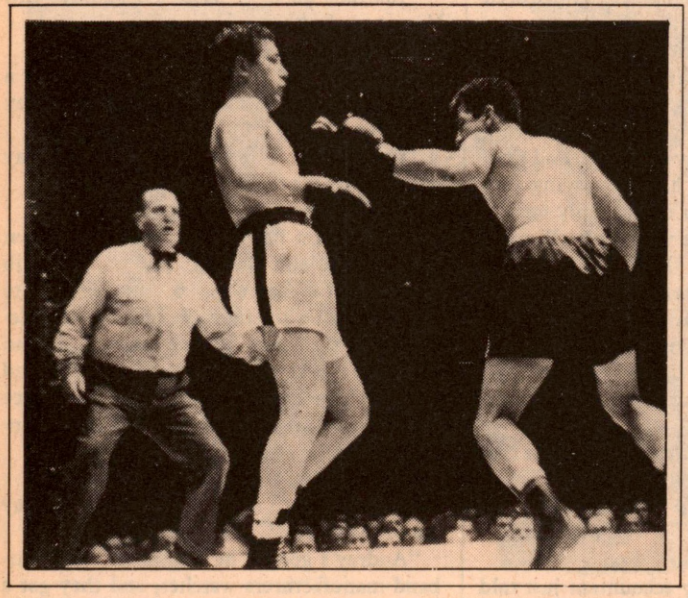
After I had written my piece and got back to the apartment, I still hadn't got rid of it. One of the reasons we write is to try to unburden ourselves of the weight of what we see and hear and feel, to get it all out, but the brutality and viciousness of that haunted me so that for hours I tossed, unable to get to sleep.

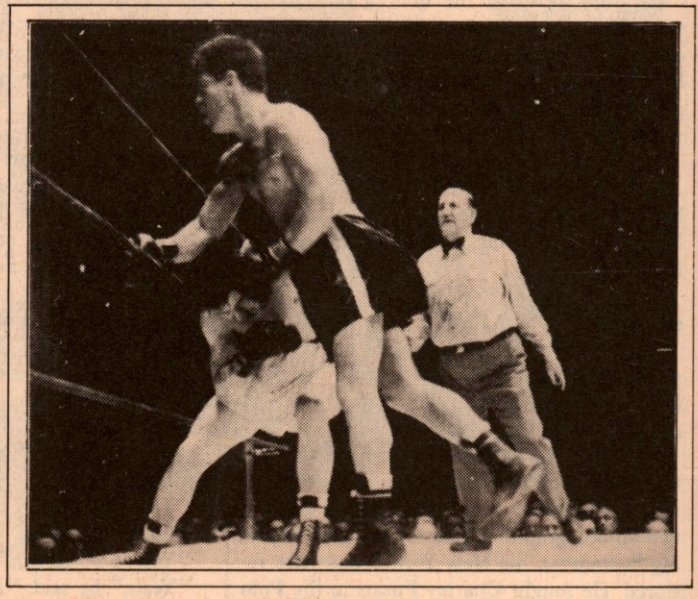
Two years later, after that press conference in the Capitol Hotel, Graziano and Irving Cohen and Teddy Brenner and I were going out to eat. The fighter was leading us down Eighth Avenue, walking with those quick, nervous, swinging strides.

"Where are we going?" I said to Irving Cohen.

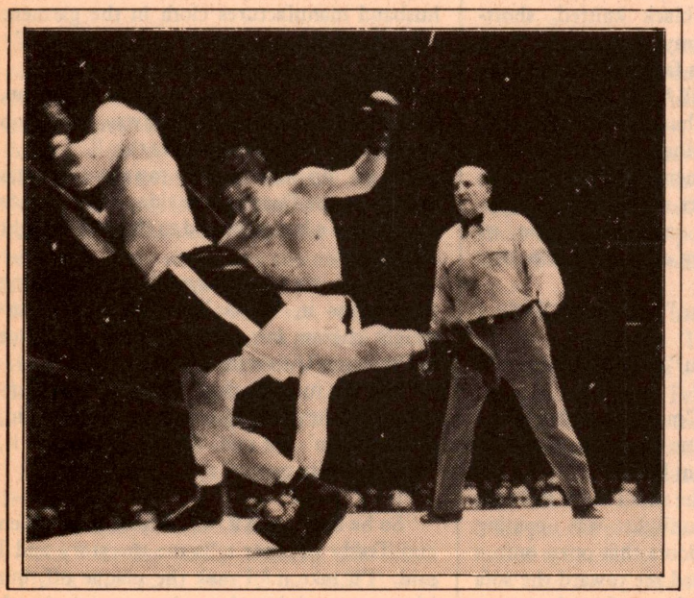
"We're going to that place where Marty Servo tends bar," Irving said. "Rocky likes him, and he always tries to bring business into the place."

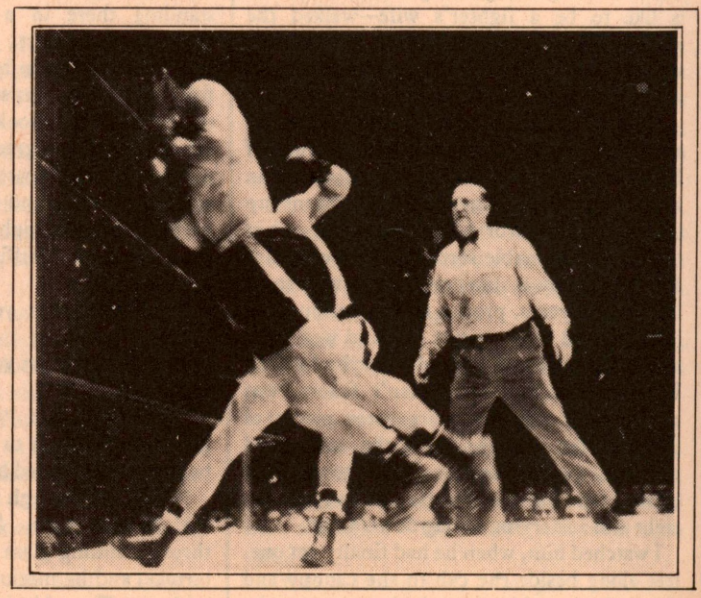
Servo was never a fighter again after that beating. He had to give up his welterweight title and the security it could have brought him without ever defending it, and now, when we walked into the place, he was standing behind the bar. He had on a white jacket, and when he saw us his face brightened and he leaned over the bar to shake hands. When he shook hands with Graziano he smiled and faked as if to hook with his left. Graziano leaning over the bar, stuck his left hand under Servo's chin as he had that night, and he faked to throw the right. Then the two of





Across the ring and into the crowd goes Tony Janiro in the very last round of their 1950 bout in New York.





them dropped their hands and laughed.

"Every once in a while," I was saying to him now, and we were seated again, "I see you on a TV commercial. Do you do a lot of those?"

"Oh, jeeze," he said, "I done Coldene. I done Brioski, American Motors. Chrysler Motors. Cadillac. I do Ford Motors. What's that breakfast thing?"

"I don't know."

"Post Cereals," he said. "Lee Miles Transmissions. I do mostly television, so friggin' many. Then I just do verce-over—*voice* over—for Honeycomb Cereal."

"You must have a good agent," I said.

"I got no friggin' agent," he said, I'm a free lance. I do the "Mike Douglas Show" twice a month. I got a contract. Let me get a friggin' cigar. You want a cigar?"

"No," I said, "but thanks anyway."

When he came back he had the cigar, lighted, in his mouth. He handed me a glossy print of a picture taken of himself with Richard Nixon in the White House and a leather-bound folio.

"That's movie I made with Frank Sinatra in 1967," he said. "They give me the script. Then I do a lot of convention shows—Olin Mathieson. Pearl Burey . . ."

"Brewery?"

"Yeah. Country Club Malt Liquor. Commercials. And they have a convention. Then I lecture at colleges and high schools."

The last time I had seen him he had told me that, in schools, he gave talks of juvenile delinquency, and that he had just lectured on criminology at Fordham University. I asked him what he said.

"I spoke to all the kids who were graduatin'," he said, "and a lot of elderly people, like professors and priests."

"But what did you tell them?" I said.

"You know what it is," he said. "I start out, whether I'm talkin' about criminology or juvenile deliquency, and I say, 'You know, I'm glad my father took the boat, because this is the best country in the world, and if there was another country like this one, I'd be jealous."

"Then what do you tell them?" I said.

"I say, 'If you're a juvenile deliquent, two things will solve your problem. All you need is a good alibi and a good lawyer.' Then I tell 'em about the guys I knew went to the chair, and I tell 'em about *Somebody Up There Likes Me,* how they made the movie and about the book."

"So these days," I was saying now, "what do you tell them when you lecture?"

"I say, 'I'm very glad to be here on this occasion. I couldn't be with nicer people.' Then I give a couple of jokes, like a comedian. I'm a comedian. I think I am."

"I'm remembering," I said, "something that Irving Cohen's wife said to me once. I've forgotten her name."

"Jean," he said. "They live in Arizona now."

"It was the night before the Zale fight in Chicago," I said. "She had stopped by the suite in the hotel, and at one point you stood up. You walked across the room to go into the next room, and she said to me, 'You know, there's something about that boy. There's an electricity, a vitality, about him, so I have the feeling that, whatever he does, he'll make a success of it.' "

"She said that?"

"Yes, and she was the first one to spot it. I used to think of that when I'd see you on TV with Martha Raye. You were lucky twice in your life and in two careers. As a fighter you came along in Tony Zale's time, and you two meshed like gears, and made great fights. Then in television, who else could you have made such a partnership with but Martha Raye?"

"Yeah," he said. "That's right."

"How did she discover you?"

"She didn't discover me," he said. "It was her writer, Nat Hiken. A guy calls my manager. I was in Stillman's, and the guy comes over. He says, 'My name is Nat Hiken. You got an agent?' I said, 'I got a friggin' manager named Irving Cohen.' He says, 'We're lookin' maybe to put you on the Martha Raye show. We're looking for a boy friend for Martha Raye.'

"What Nat Hiken told me was some guy says, 'Get some stupid guy like Rocky Graziano.' Nat says, 'Why not get Rocky Graziano?' The guy says, 'He can't talk. He can't read.' Hiken says, 'I'll go see him.'

'I go to his office. I meet Marlon Brando, and they give me a friggin' stupid script. Big words I can't pronounce. Hiken says, 'Don't worry. The public doesn't know what the script is.' I go on and the guys are sayin', 'Great! Great!' I was playin' myself."

"You always did," I said, "and I've often thought that it all goes back to Frank Percoco, and that two-bit piece. If he doesn't break that swelling under your eye, you don't see. If you don't see, you don't win the title. If you don't win the title, none of this happens."

"Yeah," he said, "and they did the identical same thing in the picture *Rocky.* Since the picture came out, kids nine or ten think I'm that Rocky."

"And I've never heard," I said, "of twenty-five cents that was parlayed into as much as that quarter Frank Percoco happened to have in his pocket. What's he doing now?"

"He's retired," he said. "He's got a little house on Staten Island he bought about thirty years ago."

"And Whitey's gone," I said, "and he saved your life that night."

"Yeah," he said.

It was after the fight, during the celebration in that hotel suite. The fighter had walked into that bedroom when he had heard the child crying, and he had bent over the crib and talked to her. Then, because it was so stifling hot and humid there, he had walked to a window to open it wider. As he tried to rise it, Whitey, walking into the room, started to do it for him. At the moment the window flew up and the fighter fell forward over the sill, and Whitey grabbed him around the thighs as he was about to plunge the ten stories to the street. Had he gone to his death, I am sure they would have surmised in the papers, the climate of public opinion being what it was at the time, that he had double-crossed the mob by beating Zale and been thrown or pushed, because another of his managers was Eddie Coco, who had a record of twelve arrests and known mob connections.

"And Eddie Coco," I said now. "The last I knew, he was doing twenty-to-life for killing that parking lot attendant in Miami."

"He got out," he said. "But he's back in again."

"What for this time?"

"He got caught shylocking. He was on light parole."

"I'm remembering," I said, "when you ran out on that Apostoli fight in California. No one knew where you were, and I got Irving Cohen to get Terry Lulu and Bozo Costantino and Al Pennino to find you for that press conference. What are they doing now?"

"Terry Young got shot and killed," he said. "Lulu's still got the bar at Thirteenth Street and Second Avenue, and Al Pennino is workin' on the docks."

"And you've moved about three miles north."

"But it's still the East Side," he said. "I say I had three careers. A robbin' career, a fightin' career, and an actin' career. Listen. Can we do this in a restaurant?"

"Sure," I said. "Anywhere you say."

"I got to save my table," he said, getting up.

"But before we go," I said, "can you just show me around for a minute?"

"Sure," he said, sliding open the glass door to the terrace and leading me out. "We got four-and-a-half rooms, and we got this wrap-around terrace, and we got all these plants and these trees here and. . ."

He had me back through the living room again and into the foyer. He was starting into the bedroom.

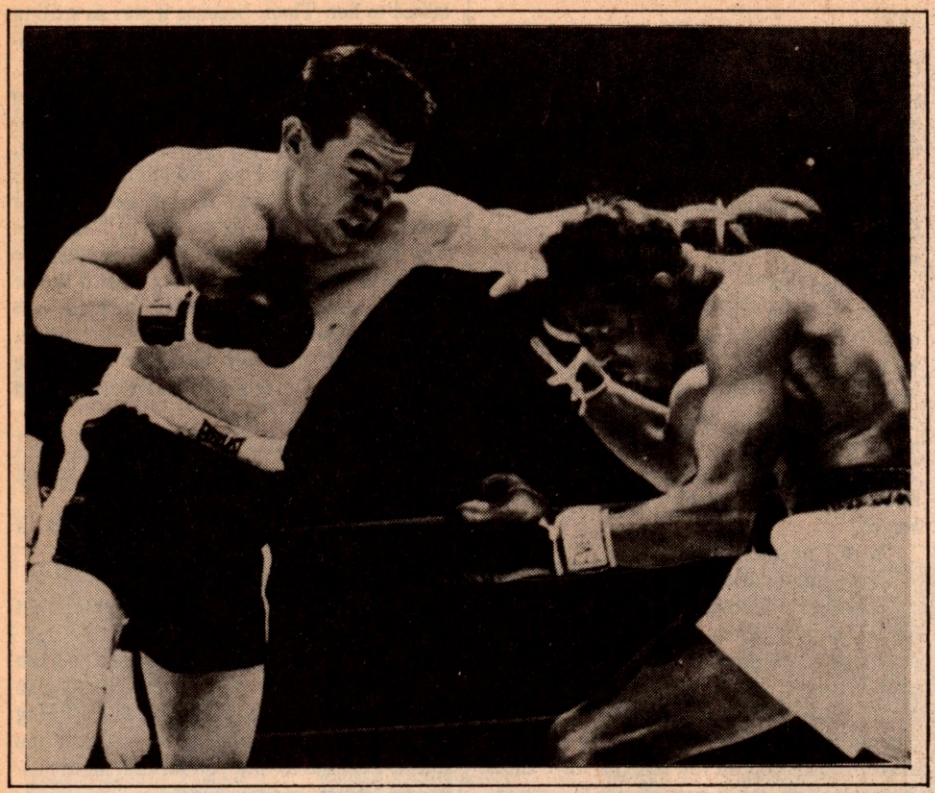
"Wait a minute," I said. "I want to see these paintings."

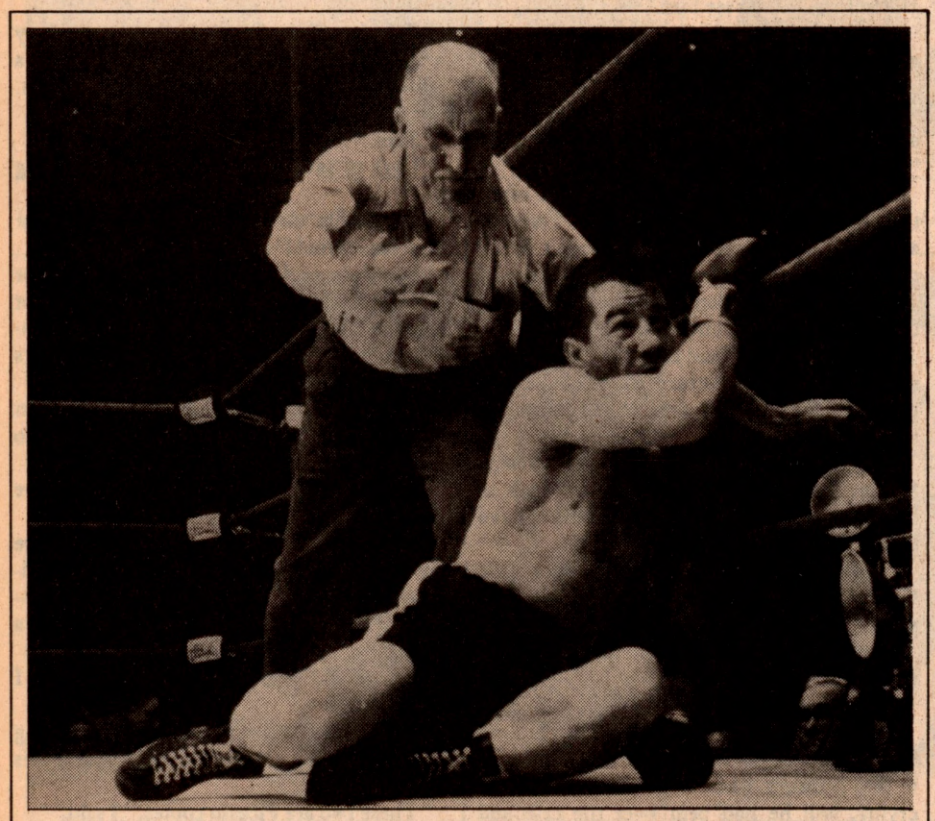
On one wall of the small foyer there were half dozen framed oils. One was a copy of Picasso's *Girl Before a Mirror* and there was another of his *Three Musicians,* and there was a French Impressionist street scene.

"Where did you get these paintings?" I said.

"I done 'em," he said, and then, indicating them, "Rocky done this one. Rocky done this one. . ."

"These two are Picasso copies," I said.





Furiously counterpunching, Rocky moves in on Sugar Ray Robinson (above) in an attempt to regain the middleweight crown, but (below) was decked by the champion in the third.

"Yeah," he said. "I copied them, when I couldn't afford to buy 'em. I like his painting."

"What about this street scene?"

"Like in Greenwich Village," he said. "My grandmother and grandfather had a place on Bleecker Street, and I done that."

"These are good, Rock," I said. "They really are."

"Yeah," he said. "I draw fairly well, like a fighter, but it comes out good."

"It does," I said, "But I didn't know you could paint."

"When I was in the reformatory," he said, "I went to art school. I learned to mix colors, and I paint friggin' good."

"I'm impressed."

"Then I got all these books," he said, sweeping an arm toward the bookshelves. "I got letters from Presidents. I got more plaques than Jesus Christ. I got them all in the what-do-you-call-it—the basement?"

"Right."

"Listen," he said. "We got to go."

"Sure."

He led me out and I followed him to the elevator. He pushed the button and we waited.

"I've just been up to Brockton," I said, because I knew he and Rocky Marciano had been close friends. "I saw his mother and his brother Peter."

"Yeah," he said. "How're they doin'?"

"They're doing all right," I said, and the elevator had come and we got in and started down, "but they can't find Marciano's money."

"What money?" he said.

"All the money he made," I said. "They can't find it, and they think he may have buried it somewhere."

"There wasn't any money," he said.

He was leading me out of the elevator now, and through the lobby and out onto the street. He gave the doorman a wave, and started toward Second Avenue.

"What do you mean, there wasn't any money?" I said.

"Hey, Rock!" someone, passing us, said.

"Hey!" he said, turning and waving, and then to me, "The guy lost his money."

"He lost his money?" I said. "How do you know he lost his money?"

At the newsstand near the corner he stopped and gave the dealer an quick hand shake.

"C'mon," he said to me. "We got to make this light."

We crossed the street, hurrying, and we started south on Second Avenue. He was walking with those quick strides, and at Fifty-fifth Street we turned west. Just before we reached the corner at Third Avenue, he opened the side door of P.J. Clarke's and led me in. P.J. Clark's is an old saloon and restaurant that has been there for ninety years and looks it, and that, for the last fifteen or so, has

attracted a mix of celebrities in politics, entertainment, and the *haute monde,* and those who want to be around them.

He led me to the small table just inside the door where his friend Phil Kennedy who, Graziano was to tell me, "sells telephones for Electronics, Inc.," was sitting, and he introduced us. Kennedy's jacket was hung over the back of his chair, and he had been making a list on a yellow pad in front of him on the red and white checked tablecloth.

"This used to be Frank Costello's table," Graziano said, as we sat down. "We get it every day. I want a beer. You want a drink?"

He waved to a waiter, shirt-sleeved and in a white apron, and he gave him the order.

"Back to Marciano," I said, and then to Phil Kennedy, "We were just talking about Rocky Marciano and. . ."

"Some fighter," Kennedy said. "I'd have liked to have seen him in there with Ali."

". . . and his family," I said, "can't find his money."

"He lost it," Graziano said.

"How do you know that?" I said.

"I was with him," he said. "Out on Long Island. A real estate deal. He signed for four hundred thousand, and the deal went bust. His name was on the paper, so it was his money."

"They don't know that in Brockton," I said.

"How can they know?" he said. "I mean they're good people up there, but what do they know about things like that? It's different around here than it is in Brockton. You know?"

"But he was so close with his money," I said.

"Yeah," he said. "Listen to this: I'm goin' to California, and when I walk through the plane to the first class, he's sittin' in the coach. The guy just retired. You know? So I say hello, and when I sit down in the first class I say to the stewardess, 'Rocky Marciano is back there.' She says 'Rocky Marciano? He is?' So I tell the stewardess to tell the captain we got plenty of seats in the first class, and he sits next to me.

"Now we get off the plane, and I get my luggage. I say to him, 'Where's yours?' He says, 'I don't have none. I don't need luggage.' So we walk to get a cab, and I say to him, 'Where are you stayin'?' He says, 'I think I'll stay with you.' I said, 'Great!' I mean, it's good for me too.

"I'm stayin' at the Beverly Hills Hotel, and the guy has just what he's wearin'. I got some nice knits, so now he's wearin' my shirts, and the guy was bigger than I was, so he stretched them so I couldn't wear them no more. He used my toothbrush."

"You're kidding," Kennedy said.

"So help me, God," Graziano said, raising his hand. "Then I used to leave to go to work—I was doin' a show—and one day I come back and they call me from the desk. They say, 'You know, Mr. Graziano, your room is free here, but not the long distance phone calls. We have to pay the telephone company for those calls.' I said. 'What calls? I didn't make any long distance phone calls.' She said, 'Oh yes. There's calls to Brockton, Massachusetts, and Florida.' I said, 'Wait a minute. That's the other Rocky.' The guy must have made two hundred phone calls."

"That's almost unbelievable," Kennedy said.

"We'd make personal appearances together," Graziano said. "We'd be sittin' up there at some dinner, and he'd say to me, 'Ask if anybody's got a private plane.' He was a nervous guy. He wanted to get out. Go. Go. Half the time he didn't know where we were goin' next. It used to embarrass me, but I'd have to say. 'If anybody's got a private plane, Rocky Marciano and I want to go to our next

appearance.' Then some guy would take us."

"And that's the way he went in the end," I said.

"Yeah," Graziano said. "Too friggin' bad. You want another drink."

"No, thanks," I said.

He had summoned the waiter, and he ordered another beer.

"You know," Kennedy said, nodding toward him, "this guy is very popular."

"I know," I said, "and I remember when he wasn't."

"Yeah, Bill knows me a long time," he said, "and you know somethin'? Jacqueline Kennedy was in here the other day, and she gave me three kisses and a hug. Here. Right here, in P. J. Clarke's."

"I've seen him," Kennedy said, laughing, "kiss Elizabeth Taylor, Jacqueline Kennedy. He's very huggable."

"Yeah," Graziano said. "Everybody likes me. The black people, all over the country, for some stupid reason, like me."

"He went to Astoria one night," Kennedy said, "and he stood them on their heads. Five hundred drinking Irish cops. The Irish Archie Bunkers with badges."

"All Irish cops," Graziano said, "and I'm an Italian."

"And you had your troubles with cops," I said.

"There was a collegiate poll," Kennedy said. "You know who was the most popular in the counry? Ralph Nader, and this guy was sixth."

"Yeah," Graziano said. "I was never in San Antonio, Texas, in my life. I get off the plane and they throw a red friggin' blanket out for me to walk on. It just amazes me. I get in a 747 plane to go to California. The captains says, 'I'm flyin' at such and such a speed, and we got Mr. Rocky Graziano aboard. Have a drink in honor of Mr. Rocky Graziano.' Yesterday I was sittin' down with this diplomat from Cuba, and I'm goin' there in three weeks. He invited me."

We talked for a while then, while he had two more beers, about fighters and fights we remember. When we were joined by a couple of others, and the conversation became provincial, revolving around their circle of acquaintances who are strangers to me. I got up and shook hands around the table and, when he stood up, with him.

"You got everything you want to know?" he said.

"Everything," I said.

"If there's anything else," he said, "call me at home, but call me before eight o'clock in the morning. After that I'm not there."

Out on Third Avenue sunlight bathed the now open street that, in the old days, was roofed and darkened by the El now long gone. The sidewalk was crowded with office workers, young clerical and junior executive types, in twos and threes, gesticulating as they talked and walked down their lunches, and by secretaries hurrying to get back.

At Fifty-third Street I was one block from the four-story, walk-up apartment house on the corner of Second Avenue, its exterior bricks painted a battleship gray, where my wife and I lived when I started to write sports after I came back from the war that day and my hand shook so that I had to quiet it before I could press the button in the entry. It was there that we used to battle the mice that came up the two floors from the market on the street level, and it was there that I tossed that night, so appalled by the animalism I had seen in the fighter as he had clubbed down Marty Servo whom he liked. It was there, too, that I brought all my troubles, as I tried to be somebody by being with those who were, and found that their aspirations and their problems became mine.

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RED ALL OVER

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THE TITLE FIGHT NO ONE WANTED TO FINISH

MIAMI BEACH—FEB. 27, 1964. It was still difficult to believe what the eyes had seen, and now it was the ears that were playing tricks. Cassius Clay was having an interview. His demeanor was subdued, his voice hoarse from cheering himself. "Speak up, Cassius," said a writer, "we can't hear you."

If that could happen, anything could. Now it must all be true:

Sonny Liston really had quit in his corner at the bell for the seventh round . . . Cassius Marcellus Clay, who had wanted to quit earlier, actually was heavyweight champion of the world . . . Liston was telling the truth about that shoulder injury and a team of eight doctors said so. . . .

It was all real. It was no dream. Yet what was this, Clay was saying?

"I'm through talking. I don't have to talk any more. I don't have to do anything but be a nice fellow."

"My big mouth," he was saying, "overshadowed my ability."

Perhaps the most remarkable development of all was Clay's own admission that he tried to quit after the fourth round when it appeared that some medication had gotten into his eyes and blinded him.

"I can't see," he told Angelo Dundee, his trainer. "Cut off my gloves, I can't go on."

"This is the big one, Daddy," Dundee said, pushing him out for the fifth round. "Let's not lose it."

As the challenger pawed blindly and Liston turned on the heaviest attack of the bout, Angelo sniffed the sponge he had been using to swab Clay's face, and could detect no suspicious odor. He rubbed it across his own eyes and they didn't smart. He tasted the water and it was all right.

He could only conclude that something rubbed off a glove, something like a medicated vaseline, had been washed into Clay's eyes.

"So why didn't you nail him harder there in the fifth when he couldn't see?" Liston was asked.

"If you're handcuffed to a tree, why don't you leave?" said the loser, who had explained that his left arm was numb.

There are, of course, some who suspect larceny, though there was no evidence of important betting. To the suspicious it is enough that the unexpected result set up a big return match, whereas the field would have been barren of qualified challengers if Liston had disposed of Clay.

If you travel in the proper circles and play your cards right, you hear cynical remarks about the rematch. Return-bout clauses are frowned upon these days and there was none in the contract for this match.

Instead, Bob and Jimmy Nilon, officers of Intercontinental Promotions, Inc., whose president and largest individual stockholder is Sonny Liston, have a separate contract with Clay; for a reported $50,000 they bought the right to name the date, site and opponent for his first title defense.

If this is an evasion of the rule against return-bout clauses, there isn't much any boxing commission can do about it, nor was the Miami Beach Commission motivated by suspicion of fakery in impounding Liston's purse pending a physical examination. That's standard operating procedure.

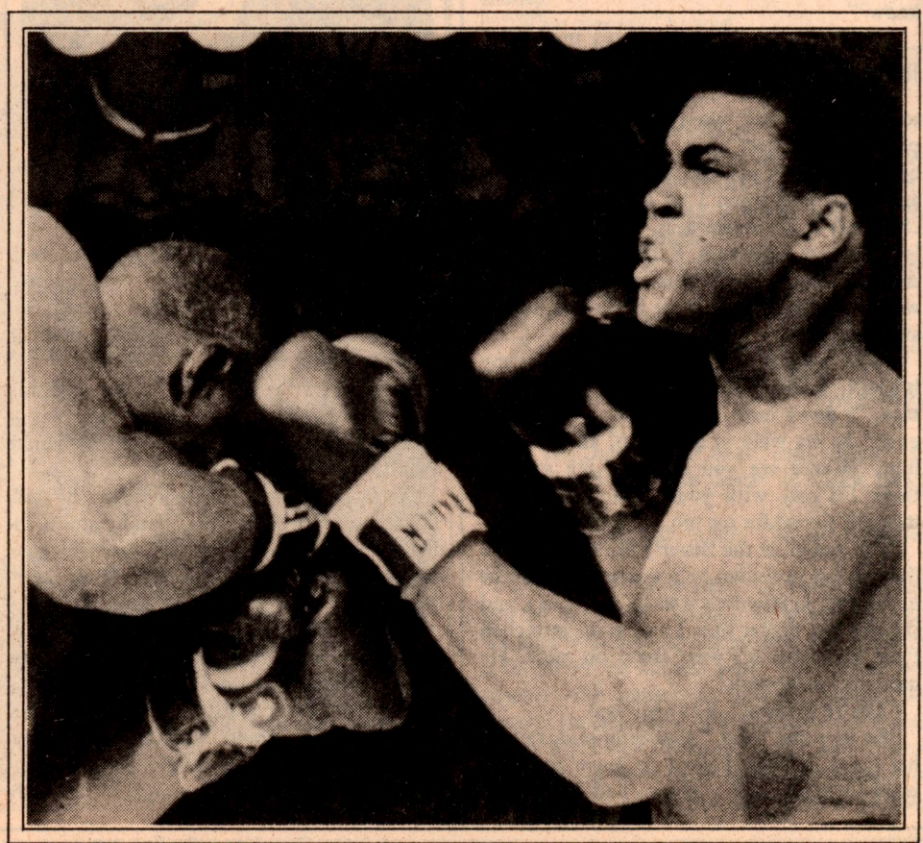
Liston is the first heavyweight champion since Jess Willard to relinquish his title sitting in his corner. Naturally, the most heated discussion yesterday concerned this. Could he have continued in spite of injury? Should he have gone out to take his licking?

Marcel Cerdan, defending the middleweight title against Jake LaMotta, tore a shoulder muscle and fought on one-handed until his corner insisted that he retire.

Gene Fullmer fought the last couple of rounds against Florentino Fernandez with a broken arm, and got a split decision.

Bud Taylor was known to drop to one knee, snap a dislocated shoulder back into place, and continue fighting.

No matter. Liston surrendered and Clay would have quit if they had let him.



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